

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
September 13, 2007
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In Attendance: Darrell Coverdell, Eddy Blacker, John Bourquin, Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Elna Darrow, Paul J Rana, Don Loranger, Mike Richeson, Paul Guerrant, Janet Loranger, Chuck Gough, Shelley Gonzales, George Darrow, Erica Wirtala, , Alex Strickland, Katrin Frye, Doug Averill, Joyce Mitchell, Clair L, Clarice Ryan, Carole James, Paul Mutascio Mike Touris, Ralph Walton

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Elna Darrow at 12:00

The Agenda was tossed out as two other groups were scheduled and had not shown yet. All other actions were set aside and we gave the floor to BJ Grieve, Flathead County Planner.

His first advice was to think of planning and zoning as separate from one another. Planning is a method used to achieve good growth. We need to have a revised land use map in the neighborhood plan, taking into considerations, such as fault lines, wet lands, Land good for cluster housing, single dwellings. He then shared a revised land map showing all the changes that have been made since the 1993 neighborhood plan which shows 12 amendment changes. Our first job will be to take a hard look at this revised map and see what changes we want or don't want based on the land itself, Zoning should act as regulatory law that is based on the designation of the land use map. One parcel of land might qualify for a variety of zones that are designated from the county. Zoning violations are illegal and can be prosecuted. Our next task will be to go to each section of our plan and look at the policies. (BJ has taken the time make comments on some of them and prepare a report for us. I will be sending it out to all of you. Please remember it is a work in progress). A question and answer and discussion period went on for some time.

Russ Kinzer, Bigfork School Superintendent asked to be heard so we took a break from Neighborhood Plan.

Russ gave a presentation showing the need for a School bond issue coming up before the voters shortly. He has invited every one who would like to have a tour please call or stop in at the office for a presentation book. He spoke on the needed updates, old and outdated equipment, small classrooms and high school children eating in the halls, Russ has invited any one who is interested too call the office and arrange for a tour or just come in to pickup a presentation book with all the facts. The office number is 837-7400.

Erica Wirtla, wanted to inform us that she will be asking for a zone change in an area between Midway Rentals and Martell Construction, on Highway 83. She explained the reason for the zone plan and they just wanted us to be kept informed.

The meeting resumed after a short break and was given back BJ Grieve. He stated if we were comfortable with the differences between planning and zoning he would give us a copy of his report to take home and we could read it and discuss it among ourselves. He suggested we meet again in 2 weeks on

September 30, 2007. Elna clarified for us, that the County Commissioners have the final approval of this document. BJ remarked that is true. He also stated you can do an additional land use development which would allow you to state specific items, design, lighting and others. If you have any questions on anything

Please feel free to call me or stop by my office I will be glad to answer your questions.

There were more questions and discussions.

BJ's number is 751-8200

We will have a regular BSC Meeting this next Thursday. September 20, 2007 and will probably spend some time discussing BJ's report.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:28

Pat Wagner, Secretary