

Planning and Development Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

Park County, Montana

Attendance: Planning Board Members: Dave Haug, Frank Schroeder, Peter Fox, Frank O'Connor, Mike Dailey, Bill Berg; Director of Planning, Wm. Mike Inman; Planning Staff, Lawson Moorman; Members of the Public: Jean Skillman, Brad Wilson, Sky Anderson

Call to Order: Fox called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes from March: Schroeder pointed out several grammatical changes that needed to be made to the March Minutes. *Schroeder motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Haug seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comment on items not on the Agenda: None

Discussion of Planning and Development Board By-Laws: Inman stated that since the by-laws haven't been reviewed in several years it would be a good idea to update them and clean them up. Inman also noted that since economic development is a stated role in the by-laws, and currently MSU Extension has an employee in the County to perform economic development, it would be good for the Board to evaluate and define their specific role in economic development. There was some Board discussion as to what organizations and entities are currently working on economic development in Park County and how to avoid overlap or repeat efforts unnecessarily. Fox suggested the Board invites Katie Weaver, the MSU Extension economic agent, and the Director of Prospera to quarterly Board meetings. There was continued Board discussion surrounding what constituted economic development, including the idea that all development is economic development as there are dollars involved in any development project. Fox suggested that Berg, Schroeder and himself wordsmith a section for the by-laws further defining economic development. He also recommended that the rest of the board examines the current by-laws for necessary updates or changes.

Growth Policy Update and Discussion: Inman presented a brief history of the current Growth Policy in place as well as the Growth Policy development process and the public's involvement. He gave a brief introduction as to how the current Growth Policy Update process began and was funded. Inman also gave an update on where we are in the process including the fact that Land Solutions, the planning firm awarded the contract, was currently developing the current conditions section and is moving into interviewing key stakeholders. Inman stated that Park County and Land Solutions would have public meetings at the beginning of the summer, and discussed other opportunities the public would have to participate in the process. Fox discussed the Board's role in the Growth Policy process and Inman clarified the specifics of the Board's involvement in the public meetings. He made it clear that the members of the Board were to participate as citizens and there could not be a quorum. The conversation shifted to the public meeting structure and the Board discussed potential formats for the public meetings including an open house, workshop, or a combination of the two. Anderson asked what the role of the

Planning Board was. Fox and Inman explained the roles of the Board stating that they were a volunteer citizen board with advisory authority only.

County Project(s) Update: Inman gave a brief summary of the status of the various current projects around the County.

Discussion of May Agenda: Inman stated that we will need to include discussing the public meetings for the Growth Policy as well as additional issues required to be addressed by the Growth Policy that weren't identified by the Stakeholders. Fox included that we will also need to talk about the By-laws update. Schroeder inquired about junk yard vehicle regulations and what the County was able to do about it. Inman informed the Board that there were state laws that regulated community decay, but there was not a direct County ordinance at this point that required enforcement. Inman brought up the fact that that might be an issue that the public could identify during the Growth Policy process.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Fox adjourned the meeting at 5:21p.m.