

Planning & Development Board
City/County Building Community Room, Livingston, MT
4:00pm, February 15, 2018

Attendance: Planning Board Members Peter Fox, Mike Dailey, John Heidke, Rich Baerg, Frank Schroeder, Frank O'Connor; Planning Staff, Lawson Moorman, Mike Inman; Public, Jerry Ladewig

Call to Order and Introductions: 4:00pm, Peter Fox called the meeting to order.

Conflict of Interest: None.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: None.

Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: *Dailey motioned to approve the minutes as written, Hiedke seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Discussion of Sign/Billboard Mitigation Strategies: Inman gave the Board some context stating that the Staff had spent a lot of time researching current laws and court cases to determine the most up to date, legally defensible regulations for a proposed US Hwy 89 South Sign Zoning District. Inman briefed the Board on the details of the proposed district including the proposed regulations and district borders. Schroeder asked about the specifics of what constitutes an off premise sign and what restrictions would be for an off premise sign. The Board and Inman discussed specific scenarios of signs that would or wouldn't be allowed. Inman talked with the Board about the various ways the Board can go about the public process if they choose to make a recommendation of approval to the County Commissioners. The Board had some concerns about the regulations hurting some of the businesses in the Paradise Valley and the edge of town. The Board agreed to try and make a recommendation to move forward or not and how to proceed at the next meeting.

Project Updates: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Fox asked about a proposed economic development fund at the County. Inman stated that he had not heard anything about that or at least was not sure what it was based on the description Fox had mentioned. Inman stated that he could look into it. Heidke asked if Inman was involved in the BLM oil and gas leases. Inman stated that the Planning Department was not involved.

Public Comment: Ladewig asked for a copy of the Draft Highway 89 South Zoning District. Ladewig voiced her support for billboard regulations on Highway 89 South.

Discussion of Next Agenda: Inman reminded the Board that they would be in Clyde Park for next month and that they would hopefully be making a decision on moving forward or not on recommending a proposed zoning draft. Inman also informed the Board that Larry Larhen had donated copies of his book to the Board members.

Adjournment: Fox adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm.