

## Planning & Development Board

January 15, 2014  
Park County, Montana

**Attendance:** Planning Board Members Rich Baerg, Bill Berg, Peter Fox, Dave Haug, Traci Isaly, Lewis Wilks. Also present were Mike Inman, planning staff; Frank Rigler, citizen; John Mueller minutes clerk

**Call to Order:** @4:00 p.m., Bill Berg called a meeting to order in Emigrant Hall.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items not Scheduled for a Public Hearing:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed minutes for the December 18, 2013, meeting. *Peter Fox moved to approve the minutes. Traci Isaly seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Conflict of Interest:** None reported

**Welcome Reappointments to the Board:** Traci Isaly, Lewis Wilks and Frank Schroeder were welcomed as reappointments to the board. Since the last meeting, Peter Fox was appointed by the Commission as a county citizen representative to the city of Livingston Planning Board.

**Election of Officers:** Lew Wilks nominated Peter Fox as board chairman. Traci Isaly seconded the nomination. Bill Berg nominated Lew Wilks for vice-chairman. Dave Haug seconded the motion. *Fox was elected chair. Wilks was elected vice-chair.*

**Public Land Use Outreach & Education Process Update:** Mike Inman, Planning, said the third of seven public forums designed to capture countywide public sentiment of land uses issues in Park County will take place immediately following the Planning Board meeting. Remaining forums will be held at 6 p.m. in Livingston on January 22, Springdale on February 5, Clyde Park on February 12 and Wilsall on February 19. The Wilsall forum will follow the February Planning Board meeting, also in Wilsall.

Inman said feedback has been relatively positive, but some complaints about process have been made.

Citizen Frank Rigler said anyone he knew at the Gardiner forum walked out. He said people are talking about property rights without involvement of those directly affected. He said the newspaper is incorrect in stating little opposition exists regarding the public land use effort. Peter Fox said the Board is happy to discuss the forums with Rigler before the forum that night. Rigler said he thinks the Board is filled with a lot of environmentalists who want to take his property rights.

**Park County Atlas Project Update:** Inman said half of the 500 printed copies have been distributed through donation and sales. A searchable online atlas is in the works, as is an interactive online version to be completed in four to six months.

**Paradise Valley Corridor Study Update:** Inman said two public meetings were held in Gardiner and Livingston to solicit public comment. Two additional public meetings will be held February 24 and 25 in Livingston and Gardiner, respectively, to present MDT's acknowledgments of comments received in the first two meetings.

**Economic Development Update:** Peter Fox will email board members a written report of Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District (NRMEDD) activities as prepared by Rob Gilmore. The MSU Extension community development agent is working to support development issues in Park County as well. The county commission appointed Steve Caldwell to the NRMEDD executive board.

**Gardiner Gateway Project Update:** Ongoing focus group meetings continue in Gardiner to address 30-percent design issues, which include Arch Park, streetscapes and potential adjoining property owner impacts. A meeting with Park Street business owners took place the previous night, which was positive. Discussion of drainage issues will be addressed next.

**Fleshman Creek Restoration Project:** Work continues on the \$3-million flood mitigation project, construction of which is about a month ahead of schedule.

**County Trail Projects:** Inman said the county awaits word on funding for a Montana Transportation Alternatives Program (MTAP) grant in July to extend a bicycle/walking trail parallel to Highway 89 South through the canyon to tie into Old Yellowstone Trail North. Cost of MDT engineering for the planned sidewalk extension project in Gardiner will dictate how much funding will be requested from the MTAP extension project grant.

**Discussion of February Meeting Agenda:** The February meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Wilsall prior to the Wilsall land use outreach forum.

Inman said the county is putting together a Capital Improvements Plan with the new public works director. The county now has an approved Rural Special Improvement District protocol.

**Public Comment:** Frank Rigler asked what the Paradise Valley Corridor Study was. Board members provided personal histories as requested by Rigler.

**Adjournment:** 5:03 p.m.

Peter Fox  
Chairman