

Planning & Development Board

July 17, 2014
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Planning Board Members Bill Berg, Peter Fox; Dave Haug, Frank Schroeder, Traci Islay; Mike Inman, planning staff

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m., City-County Complex Community Room

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

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes for the June 19th, 2014, meeting. *Bill Berg moved to approve the minutes. Frank Schroeder second the motion. Motion passed.*

Conflict of Interest: None reported

Public Land Use Outreach & Education Process Update: Mike Inman said Professor Eric Austin, who is currently out of town, emailed a draft report (copies to Board) and will shortly finalize the report including an executive summary by the end of August and will be ready to present it at that time. Inman recommended a special meeting in the evening to present findings to the public. Bill Berg suggested a public relations effort to illicit good public participation.

Gardiner Gateway Project Update: In June the County went to the Program Decision Committee to request additional funds due to cost overruns. The County was successful in receiving the funds and the Commissioners have signed revised match agreements. The Water & Sewer District is going through the bid process for utilities and is expected to break ground in August. Mike Inman said the County will then begin a significant public relations effort including weekly public meetings, distribution of fliers and regularly updating the county website to keep the public informed. The project should have 100% design completion in November and go out for bid for phase one in January 2015.

CIP Update: Mike Inman said funds were received through CDBG and CTEP for the Capital Improvements project and a request for qualifications was put together and received. Inman said the Commissioners are set in the next couple of weeks to select somebody to do the CIP which will formally start in September and should be developed through fall & spring and the County should have a developed CIP by the spring of 2015.

Economic Development Update: Peter Fox said he didn't have anything of note to report. Fox said the Commission renewed its membership in Northern Rocky Development District. Katie Weaver reported that applications are open for the Leadership 49 Program and they have received a good response from the Shields Valley

and Gardiner and working on getting applications from Cooke City. Weaver said the Greater Gardiner Community Council recently held a meeting on affordable housing which had an interesting turnout and there was good conversation and information. Traci of the HRDC in Bozeman had a lot good practical ideas. Weaver also talked about a marketing style guide website project they are working on and they have selected a consultant who they will be meeting with in about a week. They hope to have the project completed in September.

Grants/Projects Update: Park County received the grant for Confluence Park, the agreement was signed and the county has two years to complete a contaminate survey on the property and work out a memorandum of agreement with the water & sewer district. The purchase will provide public use of the river access in perpetuity. The County received Mill Creek federal access program grant of 1.7 Million which is rated the number one project this year. The Boulder River Road project has kicked off. The County has not heard anything yet regarding the Tiger grant.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Application Update: The County received the RTP grant. The County had originally requested forty six thousand dollars but was awarded twenty six thousand dollars. The County was successful in receiving three other funding sources including CTEP which will be used for resurfacing the existing trail, RTP grant which will provide benches, potential parking, garbage facilities and interpretive signage and MTAP grant to extend the trail to Old Yellowstone Trail North.

Growth Policy Update: The Commissioners recently met and made a determination to allow Mike Inman to research funding opportunities to hire a professional firm to aid in developing an updated growth policy. The Commissioners want the Park County Planning & Development Board to assist in the process. One possible funding source is the CDBG.

Online Atlas Update: Mike Inman and Erica Hoffman (GIS Director) met with a representative with NRIS on how best to build the front end of the online Atlas. Travis Butcher (NRIS) worked with Erica for three days and did an enormous amount of work on the project. Mike and Erica will be hiring a GIS intern who will start in September and help with the work on the online Atlas.

Discussion of September Agenda: The Board will not meet in August due to Mike's absence, and it was decided to hold the September meeting scheduled to be in Cooke City in Livingston. Peter Fox brought up the possibility of having a presentation on affordable housing.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 5:40 p.m.

Peter Fox
Chairman