

Planning & Development Board

June 20, 2013
Park County, Montana

Attendance: Planning Board Members Rich Baerg, Bill Berg, Peter Fox, Dave Haug, Frank Schroeder and Lewis Wilks. Also present were Mike Inman, planning staff; Kerry Fee, PCEC

Call to Order: @ 1:30 p.m., Bill Berg called a meeting to order in the Community Room of the City-County Complex.

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

Approval of Minutes: The board reviewed minutes for the May 30, 2013, meeting. Dave Haug noted he attended the May meeting. *Lewis Wilks moved to approve the minutes as amended. Dave Haug seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Conflict of Interest: None reported

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Gardiner Gateway Project Update: Mike Inman, planning, said preparations are being made should the project be funded. Potential program/approval date is August 1. Federal Highways, YNP and the project steering committee have been meeting on a continuous basis. Inman is the county representative on the steering committee. Parks Frady (CTA Engineering) is the county engineering representative on the committee. Marty Malone will be the commissioner representative. Match and maintenance agreements are being finalized.

Land Use Outreach Project Update: Inman said the countywide land use survey was launched and 193 surveys filled out to-date. Inman and Eric Austin have received phone calls about survey questions and methodology, but nothing beyond expected concerns. Hopes are to receive 400-600 surveys. Inman will email survey results to board members.

Park County Atlas Project Update: Inman said the atlas working group continues editing. He provided a draft visual product for board review.

Discussion/Determination for Creation of Paradise Valley Corridor Subcommittee: Inman provided the board with a timeline of the effort. A proposal was made for Bill Berg, Lew Wilks and Traci Isaly to serve as planning board members on the study planning team (as a board subcommittee). *Peter Fox moved to create a formal subcommittee of the Planning and Development Board to be involved with the Paradise Valley Corridor Study subject to appointment of the board chairman. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.*

Inman said planning will continue on a proposed bicycle extension project (from the existing trail ending at East River Road) through the canyon to Old Yellowstone Trail North. That project would dovetail with the corridor study effort.

Changes to Legislation: Buildings for Lease or Rent: Inman said the legislation will become law September 1, and the county intends to adopt the bare minimum requirements. There was discussion about how the legislation could affect various county land uses and businesses, as well as requirements of the county to enforce the legislation. Uses that could be affected with requirements include Mountain Sky Guest Ranch, Chico Hot Springs Resort and ranches with a caretaker's house. A final legislative update meeting is scheduled for June 27 at 1 p.m. in Bozeman.

Economic Development Update: Peter Fox said eight applications were received for an MSU Extension economic development coordination position. Salary is \$51,000. He said it may be wise to contract with Northern Rocky Mountain EDD for economic development services if the search does not result in a well-qualified candidate.

Wilks said conversations within NRM EDD have changed in the last year, with Park County consistently mentioned as to its importance to the entire region's economic well-being.

Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda: The board may not meet in July.

Public Comment: Inman said the Commission was considering establishing a process by which county residents could pursue a Rural Improvement District.

Adjournment: @3:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Bill Berg
Chairman