

Planning & Development Board

December 20, 2012

Park County, Montana

Attendance: Planning Board Members Bill Berg, Traci Isaly, Lewis Wilks, Dale Reinhart, Frank Schroeder (via telephone). Also present were Mike Inman, planning staff; Shannan Piccolo, legal counsel; Jim Durgan, commissioner; Mary Anne Keyes, MSU Extension; Parks Frady, CTA Engineering; Kerry Fee, PCEC; Steve Iobst, YNP; Rich Baerg, citizen

Call to Order: @1:30 p.m., Chairman 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 considered approving minutes for the November 15, 2012, meeting. *Dale Reinhart moved to approve the minutes. Lewis Wilks seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Conflict of Interest: None reported

Welcome Board Appointments/Reappointments: Bill Berg said three board seats expired December 31, but he and Peter Fox reapplied for and were reappointed to the board. Rich Baerg was appointed as the third seat and will take seat in January.

Discussion of Officer Appointments: Berg said board officer elections would take place at the January meeting. He said he and Lew Wilks were willing to serve as chair and vice-chair again, but would step aside should the board vote to elect new officers.

Recognition of Dale Reinhart's 27 Years of Public Service as a Board Member: Berg read into the record a signed tribute expressing gratitude to Dale Reinhart and his willingness to serve on the county planning board for 27 years. Mike Inman, planning, provided Reinhart with a plaque and a verbal "thank you" from Park County. Fellow board members and Steve Iobst of Yellowstone National Park provided their thank you remarks to Reinhart. Reinhart said parting words.

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Land Use Planning and Public Process Discussion/Development: Eric Austin, associate professor of political science - Montana State University, provided a status update of how the proposed project was shaping up and a series of questions to the board. Austin said the proposed project is a three-stage project to include planning board member and other stakeholder interviews, a survey of citizens across the Park County community to learn citizen perceptions and what citizens see as land uses into the future, and an outreach effort.

Board members commented on proposed questions, and Inman said he would send out all questions to board members to begin an effort to determine which individuals will be interviewed as the first stage of the project.

Park County Atlas Update: Josh Gage of Gage Cartographics provided a visual presentation of maps he had developed to-date as part of the Park County Atlas project. Board members provided recommended revisions to the maps and associated data.

Inman said he will ask the Parks and Recreation Board to consider recommending funding for a database of Park County historical data with assistance from Larry Lahren and Jerry Brekke. He said the information will also be used for a chapter in the atlas.

Gardiner Gateway Project Update: Parks Frady, CTA Engineering, provided a history timeline of the proposed Gardiner Gateway Project after three public meetings held in Gardiner. He said of significant interest to Park County is how it will maintain road, water, sewer, etc. infrastructure improvements. He said the target due date for the multi-faceted/multi-agency project is August 2016.

Berg said the local match for a Federal Lands Access Program grant is 13.42 percent, and receiving that grant funding may help increase the amount of money available for the overall project, but it would also increase the local match amount. He said there is a February 8 grant deadline.

Staff Updates: Mary Anne Keyes, MSU Extension, said the city of Livingston and Park County just signed a contract to employ a MSU Extension agent to serve community and economic development interests in Park County, only. She said MSU hoped to advertise for the position the following week and have a person employed by April 1. Keyes said MSU Extension would like to have the three Park County Extension agents in one office, which may require moving the current office from the City-County Building.

Inman said the Commission voted the previous week to move forward with acquisition of a 32-acre parcel of property on Siebeck Island to mitigate potential flood issues for the appraised price of \$120,000.

January Agenda: No subdivisions will be reviewed. Election of officers will take place.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: @3:10 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Bill Berg
Chairman