

Planning & Development Board Minutes

May 19, 2011

Park County, Montana

Attendance: Planning Board Members Bill Berg, Dale Reinhart, Frank Schroeder (via telephone) and Lewis Wilks. Community Development Staff Philip Fletcher and Mike Inman; Ted Madden, Vision Livingston; and John Mueller, minutes clerk.

I. Call to Order: @1:35:23 p.m., Chairman Dale Reinhart called a meeting to order in the Community Room of the City/County Complex.

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

III. Approval of Minutes: The board considered approval of minutes for the April 21, 2011, planning board meeting. *Bill Berg made a motion to approve the minutes. Lewis Wilks seconded that motion. Motion passed.*

IV. Conflict of Interest: None reported

V. Old Business

Floodplain Regulations: Floodplain Manager Mike Inman said the department is ready to move forward with the public process regarding floodplain regulations revisions, and he is still working with legal counsel on issues between draft and model regulations.

The board said it will review a draft of Inman's floodplain regulations at a June 17 meeting after Reinhart and Berg review the draft through a subcommittee effort. Inman said FEMA floodplain maps will be adopted on October 18 and he would like to have the county's floodplain regulations finished for adoption by that date as well.

The board set a floodplain regulations public comment and outreach schedule for Emigrant on June 23 in the evening, Livingston on June 30 in the evening, a daytime meeting in Livingston for realtors on July 7 and a 7:00 p.m. meeting in Shields Valley on July 14.

VI. New Business

Discuss Proposed Community Development Department FY 2012 Work Program: Community Development Director Philip Fletcher reviewed his department's proposed Fiscal Year 2012 work program. Inman provided detail on a Wildland Urban Interface tool under construction. Berg said the department's proposed work program is proactive and ambitious and has momentum.

Discuss Proposed Community Development Department FY 2012 Economic Development Work Program: Inman reported the proposed EDD program will include a

telecommunications effort for use with planning efforts and encouraging businesses to locate and operate in Park County

VII. Committee and Staff Reports

Economic Development Committee: Fletcher said the Economic Development Committee is working well together in devising a strategy to focus on the local labor market supply, development quality, training and education programs. Frank Schroeder said the idea is to show that the Park County labor pool is appropriately training and experienced in those areas that the companies we are trying to attract or develop. Training programs should also be in place to ensure potential employees are trained in appropriate areas.

Update on Economic Development District Affiliation: Fletcher said Park and Gallatin Counties are partnering to form a joint EDD.

Legislative Debriefing: Inman said Governor Schweitzer vetoed HB 494. Inman said he has been talking with MACo about legislative changes, which MACo is still deciphering.

Natural Gas Committee: Fletcher said he and Peter Fox will set up meetings with the Montana Petroleum Association and Oil and Gas Commission.

In other discussion, Inman updated the board on the Park County Wildlife Coalition and a planning for people and wildlife seminar coalition members will attend in Helena on June 7 and 8. Inman said the grant application goal is to develop information relative to wildlife and wildlife habitat for incorporation into recommended updates to the county growth policy, subdivision regulations and creation of a county homeowner reference guide. Inman said he is also reviewing wildlife-related language for Montana FWP that FWP wants to include in county subdivision regulations.

VIII. June Planning Board Agenda: Inman said the board will review the Burton Minor Subdivision (subdivision located in Gardiner); floodplain regulations will be unveiled and Inman will update the board on a proposed telecommunications tower and generator building in Cooke City.

IX. Public Comment: Carrie Pintar of Amazing Taxi said she is aware of the county's public transportation needs and wants to create transportation services to Chico Hot Springs and Yellowstone National Park, and she is talking with Rimrock Stages to improve services by possibly dropping riders at the truck stop instead of the Greyhound station. Fletcher said the FY 2012 work program includes a transportation element. Pintar asked to be kept abreast of all transportation planning and discussion.

X. Adjournment: @3:32:45 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Dale Reinhart
Chairman