

Notes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Present: Susan Lorenz (SICOG), Rita Anderson, Mark Lowe, Randy Benglan, Cathy Sher, Vicky Lyon, and Trish Avery

Notes from presentations of November 30, 2009:

The committee reviewed and compared the notes from the last meeting to assure that the notes reflected all aspects of the presentations.

Items of importance that were noted:

- Preserving the character of downtown – encourage maintenance of some of the older gems that are here.
- Off street parking in downtown prohibits development, may need to lighten the off-street parking requirements to get businesses into the vacant buildings.
- Maintain a walking community – group businesses/houses together
- Allow for smaller lots – unitize small corner lots
- High density allows open spaces – higher density will help with topography problems – geographic boundaries
- BLM and state land should be preserved as public/wild land – not traded
- Developers coordinate with Fish and Game to address wildlife concerns
- Shortage of homes – higher density makes development affordable – How can the city encourage new development?
- Winter business needed to draw in young families – conference center – community ice skate rink, winter x games – Perks to bring in businesses – economic development - New ways to partner with other winter businesses
- Business incubator to help grow existing ideas or new ideas of existing entrepreneurs – “Lava Development Corp/Bannock County Development Corp”

Assignments: Susan asked the committee where they would like to go from here. Do we need to have other presenters address the committee? The committee decided that there was no need to have more presenters at this time. Mark will write a skeleton draft of a comprehensive plan from the information that the committee has gathered. This will serve as a starting place for the committee to work from. Weak areas will need to be filled in and may need to have presenters come to address areas of weakness.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be held on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.