

Notes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 at
6:30 p.m. at Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

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

Guests: Steve Jones and Pam Slaughter

Procedure

The committee discussed the procedure that was used for the last two (2) meetings. For one chapter, Susan sent several pages of information that had been collected. For the other chapter, she did not. It was decided that the committee has a good grasp of what has been covered in previous meetings and it is not necessary for Susan to send all the data. She will bring the information on a thumb drive for quick reference if needed.

Optimizing Resources

As Susan compiles the chapters, she will send the committee the draft chapters for review. Susan showed the work that has been done on the Community Unity and Optimizing Resources chapters.

Housing

The committee reviewed the points that need to be included in the chapter (Explain its purpose, provide an overview of assumptions, and set the goals and objectives).

Purpose and assumptions

- 1- Provide housing opportunities that will contribute to the residential base, enhance the school population, and entrepreneurial opportunities.
- 2- Balance residential needs with overnight rental needs. How do we accommodate the need for vacation homes and maintain the residential base?
- 3- Make wise use of limited space. Expand city boundaries through annexation
- 4- There is a need for denser housing
- 5- Work out land swap for undeveloped prime development lots.
- 6- Second home owners are driving up housing prices.
- 7- Create workable changes in the existing city structure that will overcome the barriers to allow new building development.

Goals

- 1- Plan to utilize existing land and expand land development
- 2- Encourage the city to work with developers
- 3- Encourage PUD developments
- 4- Look at zoning to more logically use the land: more rational zoning rather than straight-lines
- 5- Buffer zones (parks, bending streets, trees, hill, water drainage areas, walk ways) to separate commercial and high density areas from traditional residential housing.

- 6- Give building incentives to developers in exchange for 50-75% “owner occupied zoned” housing developments

Next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The committee will work on the Business Development and Recreational Opportunities chapter.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.