

Notes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held Monday, February 1, 2010 at  
6:30 p.m. at Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Present: Rita Anderson, Mark Lowe (facilitating), Randy Benglan, Mike Vice, Cathy Sher,  
and Trish Avery

**WELCOME:**

The meeting was opened at 6:00. Mark shared with the committee the revisions of the  
“Straw Man” document which Susan Lorenz had sent him.

**Comments on Mark’s straw comp plan vision**

**Rita:** Rita addressed the many concerns that have come before the city leaders  
regarding the vacation rental homes. In 1993 when she first came to Lava, much  
of the city was run down, closed up, and in disrepair. The town was dead between  
Labor Day and Memorial Day. People talked about wanting to make Lava more  
appealing to families rather than being a “party town”. Since the vacation rental  
homes were started in 1997 many positive changes in Lava have been made.  
Much of the business district has been repaired and revitalized. Families have  
been drawn to Lava because of the vacation rental homes, it is fun and affordable.  
Main Street is thriving instead of being vacant and run down. Marketing and  
advertising dollars are wasted if we cannot provide suitable accommodations and  
eating facilities. The vacation rental homes have helped to meet these needs.

**Community Unity Chapter**

**Present cut and pasted materials**

Cathy stated that the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to build a renewed  
Home Town Feeling. The committee would like the Community Unity chapter to  
express the need to improve the transfer of information, both giving and  
receiving, between the city and the residents. Communications from the city  
needs to be in a welcoming format. It was suggested that a Mayor’s Newsletter be  
sent each month with the water bills, instead of the formal notices that are now  
being sent. Randy will bring a copy of the City of Pocatello newsletter for the  
committee to use as an example. Community gatherings which are welcoming  
where citizens can meeting with the city leadership in an informal setting and  
exchange information was suggested.

**Community Unity Chapter**

**Massage the chapter materials as a group**

The committee members will each review the chapter and share any other  
suggestion at the next meeting. Ten (10) minutes will be given at the beginning of  
the next meeting to wrap up the Community Unity chapter.

**Evaluate Process**

The committee decided to choose a chapter to work through at each of the upcoming meetings. It was decided that a Zoning chapter should be included even though some zoning is included in the Housing chapter. The committee chose to work on the Optimizing Resources chapter at the next meeting.

Mark expressed the need to be finished with his work on the comprehensive plan committee by June 2010. The committee agreed and feels that the rough draft of the comprehensive plan needs to be completed by June 2010.

**Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be held Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.