

Notes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held Monday, March 22, 2010 at  
6:00 p.m. at Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

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

Guests: Steve Jones and Pam Slaughter

### **Vicky's Question**

Susan said that Vicky had asked at a previous meeting if the committee had to give the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council specific directions and planning tools. The Comprehensive Plan is a future direction for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to use when making decision on zoning and ordinance changes. Susan read from "Developing the Comprehensive Plan: Part 1", which is a "how to" on the 10 step process in developing a comprehensive plan. She explained the three parts which need to be included in each chapter which are; a Goal, an Objective, and a Strategy. The committee reviewed the descriptions of each of these parts of the chapters.

### **Housing**

The committee reviewed that work which they had done on the Housing chapter. The committee discussed the need to utilize the small lots, develop plotted lots and encourage annexation. The committee reviewed what Susan had so far on the Housing chapter.

### **Best Use of Local Writer Skills**

Susan reported that she had talk with a local writer about utilizing her in writing parts of the comprehensive plan. She told Susan that she could do some clean up after the committee gathers and works through the chapters. Vicky stated that this person is very busy and may not have the time to put into the comprehensive plan. Vicky said that it would be best to have the committee work on the chapters and have SICOG do the edit work. It was suggested that the committee have a couple of citizens read the plan and give feed back before the final draft is presented.

### **Business Development & Recreational Opportunities**

The committee discussed the need for better maintenance of existing structures. Trish reported that the building inspector had suggested that the city may want to adopt the International Building Maintenance Code.

Lava is a recreation destination. It is important to the community's economic health that Lava remains friendly to recreation. The community needs to reach out to opportunities for year round business. The city council could encourage out of season tourism.

The business development needs, recreational needs for tourism and local citizens' needs must be balanced. The city is a destination site so the needs and concerns of the business development and the recreational opportunities needs and concerns all tie in very closely with the housing issues that surround the successful growth of the city.

We want to keep full time residential owners living in the city limits. The City can consider waiving fees and other ideas to encourage this ownership.

**Next Meeting Date and Time**

Next meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The committee will work on the review the Business Development & Recreational Opportunities chapter and start work on the Transportation chapter.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.