

Basin Master Plan Committee Meeting
Basin Town Hall
Thursday, Feb. 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Carl Olson. Also present were Karla Pomeroy, Ken Markert, Mark Hillman, Lyle King and Ken Fink.

The committee reviewed a letter submitted by Ken Markert seeking an extension on the contract to complete the Master Plan from Feb. 29 to June 15. Carl Olson then asked for approval to submit a letter to the mayor and council seeking the extension on the contract.

A motion was made by Lyle King and seconded by Ken Fink to approve the letter and submit it to the council. Motion carried.

Ken Markert reviewed the schedule for completion of the Master Plan. The committee discussed whether the Master Plan Committee should be involved in the revision of the zoning and subdivision ordinance. It was agreed that the Master Plan should be completed, approved by the Planning and Zoning and the council and then work can proceed on the ordinances with Markert working directly with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The committee discussed having the plan to the P&Z committee by April so a public hearing could be conducted in May.

Markert will provide an outline of the process involved in getting the plan approved so an exact timeline can be determined.

Markert and the committee then reviewed the priority ratings completed by 11 members of the committee. Markert said he would like the committee to narrow down the list to 10 priority items.

Carl Olson pointed out several discrepancies between the committee's ratings and those of the town survey and the community assessment. He said the committee weighted the recreation items low and he felt they needed to be much higher in a priority list.

He also was concerned about the action to re-establish a free town campground, stating that the town would then be competing with a current business. It was decided to change that action to "establish a picnic area/ day use area at the boat dock."

Markert noted in discussing the action to facilitate development of restaurants and motels that the community assessment outlines a plan on how to recruit a restaurant.

The committee recommended combining the numerous zoning and subdivision ordinance actions into one general action. They also mentioned that actions related to studies on infrastructure could be combined.

The committee said they would like to see all the actions and their ratings included in the plan, along with the final priority list, adding that the priority list could be divided into groups, or areas like infrastructure and recreation.

Markert said he would revamp the priority action list, combining some of the areas and grouping the actions into categories as well for further review.

Markert then reviewed the Future Land Use Maps and Chapter with the committee. The maps and chapters show area and define the following areas: established downtown; established residential; established commercial; established institutional; transitional rural; transitional residential; transitional mixed uses, which Markert said should have residential and businesses allowed in these areas; transitional commercial; transitional industrial; primary expansion and secondary expansion.

Mark Hillman moved to set the open house from 5-8 p.m. on March 8 at the Basin City Arts Center if it's available; and to move the regular committee meeting to 7 p.m., March 15, at town hall. An alternative date for the open house will be Monday, March 5.

The Priority List, Future Land Use Chapter and Maps will be available at the open house.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.