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Basin Master Plan Committee  
Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011  
Basin Area Chamber

After moving locations, Chairman Carl Olson opened the meeting shortly after 7 p.m. at the Basin Area Chamber of Commerce. Also present were Karla Pomeroy, consultants Ken Markert and Jolene Rieck, Barbara Anne Greene, Becky Allred, Lyle King, Ken Fink, Amy Kania, Mary Fisher, Andy DeGraw, Jim Waller and Mark Hillman.

Jolene Rieck presented three preliminary ideas for streetscape designs for U.S. Highway 20 corridor and Wyoming Highway 30. She said WYDOT is open to reconfiguring the lanes on both highways through town. Currently there are four lanes, a turning lane and parking on both sides of the streets. WYDOT has said two lanes and turning lane would be just as capable of handling the traffic and be more efficient.

The options included parking lane, 5 foot bike path on either side of the traffic lanes and the turn lane. Cost is \$30,000 per 100 feet. Landscaping would be between the sidewalks and parking. Sidewalks would be 10 feet wide.

Option two included landscaping next to the buildings, sidewalk, more landscaping and bicycle lanes for a cost of \$35,000 per 100 feet. Sidewalks would be 7 feet wide.

Option three – sidewalks would be 10 feet wide to allow for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. There would be no bicycle lane along the vehicle lanes.

Concerns mentioned were additional snow removal with wider sidewalks, problems with watering trees, handling leaves on the sidewalks in the fall, damage to the street and sidewalks from roots and from water.

Jolene Rieck said bike lanes would be raised and there was concern about snow removal on the streets with a raised bike lane.

Amy Kania said she was concerned about bicyclists in traffic.

Mark Hillman lobbied for some type of green landscaping whether it be trees, ornamental grasses or shrubs. Types of trees were discussed including lilacs.

Mark Hillman also advocated for bubble outs at the intersections. Amy Kania said WYDOT has proposed bubble outs along U.S. 20 from G Street to the Fairgrounds.

There was discussion about a mixture of landscaping - with green landscaping and art.

Jolene Rieck said whatever design is selected maintenance needs to be included in the discussion. She said the committee and the town council needs to decide what the town would maintain and what residents would be expected to maintain.

Discussion then moved to the survey. Two formats were presented – a one-page and

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a two page. Mark Hillman moved to approve the one-page format. Barbara Anne Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sample frames were discussed including landowners, utility customers, registered voters, combination of voters and landowners and combined voters and utility customers.

After discussion, Becky Allred moved to approve using the combined list of voters and utility customers. Karla Pomeroy seconded. Motion carried. There will be about 568 surveys mailed out. Postage cost is estimated at \$886.

According to the survey timeline, a preliminary postcard will be mailed at the end of the month to notify those on the survey list that the survey will be coming. The survey will be sent Oct. 5 with a deadline of Nov. 2. Results will be tabulated and available at the Nov. 9 meeting.

Ken Markert gave a brief update on the housing information he reported on during the Housing Chapter discussion last month. He said figures are similar to that of the country but the margin of error for the county figures is very high, over 85 percent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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