

Basin Master Plan Meeting  
Town Hall  
Aug. 11, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Carl Olson. Those present were consultant Ken Markert, Amy Kania, Barbara Anne Greene, Andrew DeGraw, Becky Allred, Ken Fink, Jim Waller and Karla Pomeroy.
2. Ken Markert began the discussion of the draft community survey. There are 61 items on the draft and he recommended trimming it so it would fit on two pages. He said 45 to 50 items would work.

The committee eliminated hospital services, public schools, availability of affordable housing and retail stores from Question No. 1 asking residents to rate Basin on the 17 items. The building inspection program was moved to Question 2 which asks residents to state whether Basin needs certain items. Housing for senior citizens was changed to assisted living. Annexation of additional areas was listed as an alternate item that could be cut if needed.

Question 3 asks residents to agree on certain statements regarding growth, streets, sidewalks and more. The statement "Subdivision development would be more beneficial in town than in rural parts of the county" was deleted. "Basin needs easier and safer ways for pedestrians to walk across on Fourth Street and C Street was listed as a possible cut if necessary.

The final question seeks areas the town needs improvement. Improve alleys was deleted and the statements indoor recreation center, senior center and teen center will be combined to one answer.

3. Discussion then turned to the three draft chapters MMI has completed — Population, Housing and Economy.

Under population, the committee suggested clarifying language regarding Basin's over 65 population that does include residents of the Wyoming Retirement Center. It was noted any population statistics also include prisoners in the Big Horn County Detention Center.

Under Housing it was asked if there could be additional research on the types of housing that are needed with Andy DeGraw noting it is hard to find anything larger than a 2-bedroom to rent.

There was discussion on whether the plan needed a condition index that could be obtain through the assessor's office, with members noting that some vacant homes and/or rentals are not habitable.

Jim Waller asked to have the mortgage statistics compared to the country's rates and to previous decades.

The committee will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8. The survey will be given final approval and there will be discussion on who will receive a survey. Additional chapters of the plan, including streetscape should also be available in draft form.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. upon motion by Barbara Anne Greene and seconded by Jim Waller.