

DRAFT - SUMMARY
Big Horn County Land Use Plan Steering Committee
Tenth Meeting – March 26, 2009
7:00-9:00 p.m., Sheriff's Office, Basin, WY

Persons Present

- Committee Members: Mary Flitner, Charles Hessenthaler, Mike Hinkley, Tim Mills, Dave Monk, Dave Neves, Mary Russell
 - Consultants: Ken Markert, Anne Cossitt
 - County Planner: Jim Waller
 - Public: None Present
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Brief Summary

Committee members reviewed upcoming schedule and set tentative dates for the next round of open houses. They reviewed the initial draft of strategies for each goal and maps related to development of the future land use map(s).

Decisions/Action Items

- Meetings
 - i. April 16, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.: Next Committee meeting in Basin.
 - ii. May 5, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., County Commissioners office: Purpose of the meeting is for Committee members and consultant to brief the Commissioners on the land use plan to date. (Note: time may change).
 - iii. Open Houses in May: Consultants will work with Jim Waller and get back to the Committee on final dates and locations (with intent to avoid scheduling conflicts with graduation, etc.)
- Vision Statement, Primary Goals, and Planning Strategies
 - i. Committee members agreed that it made sense to present the public with a range of actions and that the Committee would make decisions on final actions after the open houses.
 - ii. Committee members raised the following specific issues to be addressed with actions: Junkyards, protecting viewsheds and natural light (do not block direct light to residences with taller buildings), and windfarms.
 - iii. Committee members would like to see a glossary of terms used in the land use plan. Terms discussed included "productive agricultural land," "junkyards," "substandard housing," "agriculture."
 - iv. Committee members agreed to move goal to "maintain the balance between public lands and private lands while promoting..." to a strategy under goal "h" to "Support the logical development and improvement of the county's towns..." Committee members pointed out that the basic intent of this goal was to address the issue of developable public lands near existing communities.
 - v. Mary Flitner raised several points about agriculture and agricultural land, indicating that it's not the land use plan's job to protect agricultural economic viability and that agriculture serves many purposes including retention of open space and wildlife habitat.

- Future Land Use Map.
 - i. Members would like to see the entire county included in the future land use map, not just deeded land.
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Next Steps/Follow-up

- NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: April 16 in Basin to review strategies and actions and finalize preparations for open houses..
 - Consultants will prepare draft action options for each strategy and send to Committee prior to April 16 meeting.
 - Consultants will prepare draft alternative future land use maps for review by Committee prior to open houses. Committee will make determination on what to present at open houses at the April Land Use Committee meeting.
 - Consultants to prepare recommendations regarding agriculture (to address Mary Flitner's comments).
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Corrections

If you would like to make a correction or addition to this summary, please contact Ken Markert (307-587-4480) by no later than April 25.