



PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 14th, 2019 ADLC County Courthouse Courtroom

Meeting called by Art Villasenor, Chair

Type of meeting Monthly Meeting

Minutes taken by Carlye Hansen

Members Present: Art Villasenor, Chairman; Rose Nyman, Vice-Chair; Frank Fitzpatrick; Mary Kae Massey; Rose Nyman; John Lombardi; Bob Wren

Members Excused: Annette Smith

Staff: Chas Ariss, P.E., Planning and Public Works Director; Gayla Hess, Planner I; Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

Guests: Jeremy Salle, DOWL; Christopher DeVerniero, DOWL

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Art Villasenor, Chairman

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by John Lombardi to approve the minutes from October 15th, 2018, with corrections as noted by Rose Nyman; seconded by Frank Fitzpatrick. Motion passes 6-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Election of 2019 Chairperson and 2019 Vice-Chairperson

Motion was made to nominate Art Villasenor as 2019 Chairperson, by Frank Fitzpatrick; seconded by Rose Nyman. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion was made to nominate Rose Nyman as 2019 Vice-Chairperson, by Frank Fitzpatrick; seconded by Bob Wren. Motion passes 6-0.

2. Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan, Draft Report, Jeremy Salle and Christopher DeVerniero, DOWL

Jeremy Salle and Christopher DeVerniero, both from DOWL, were present to make the Power Point presentation for the Multimodal Long –Range Transportation Plan. This has been being worked on and developed for quite a bit of time now and at this point this needs to get to the commission and completed as there are multiple grants that are being tied up without having this finalized as an official ADLC document.

There were several questions by members of the board asked and there was some conversation regarding the plan in regards to foot and bike routes, traffic counts, level of service, parent and bus drop-off's for the schools and zoning for such schools, as well as ADA and the requirements for such. Funding was also discussed, and again, the grants that will be available once this is finalized.

Please see attached Power Point Presentation

Comments from the Board:

Frank Fitzpatrick feels at this point that it is his recommendation that this be moved forward to the commission for approval.

Comments from the Staff:

Chas Ariss, PE, feels that this all looks good and should move forward.

Bill Everett, CEO, asked that this be moved forward to the board as this needs to be completed so we can complete the grant applications.

Public Comment:

Jim Davison, from the ALDC stated that when this is complete, it will benefit the Mainstreet Program and will be looked at by the Department of Commerce as well be looked at and serve as an example to other communities within the state of Montana.

Motion was made by Rose Nyman to approve this draft of the Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan, and to move this forward to the ADLC Commission Work Session and then to the ADLC Commission for final approval; seconded by John Lombardi. Motion approved 6-0.

3. Growth Policy Follow-Up

Bob Horne sent two separate e-mails to Carlye Hansen stating that all comments and edits stemming from the December 10th, 2018, Growth Policy Work Session are almost complete and the Growth Policy should be in the hands of the Planning Board by the end of this month (January 2019).

Chas Ariss stated that after the start of the new year, there was some exchange of some information that Bob Horne needed on storm water improvements that we had done, so Chas supplied him with the information of what had been done. Chas states that this policy is key policy for development in order to expedite a lot of the subdivision reviews that DEQ would require, we could avoid the time and effort of that, as well as the expense with DEQ, by having Chas sign off on what is called the Municipal Facilities Exemption, but one of the criteria required for this is that you have to have a current growth policy on file with DEQ. This needs to be done sooner than later as right now the slag pile project is looking at revving up again and this would help with expediting the process for them also.

Art suggested that Carlye send Mr. Horne an email stating that we just want a completed copy, but Carlye stated the Mr. Horne wants this to go before the public. Chas feels that is at the board's discretion. He feels that an advertised public meeting at the commission level will be sufficient and that the work session and the final commission meeting will meet this requirement.

The plan at this time is to get copies of the document and have them available at the Planning Department, ALDC, Chamber of Commerce, Hearst Free Library, and the Metcalf Center. Once we get these distributed, we will put a public notice in the paper and 30 days from that, this will go before the work session for the commission and then on to the final commission approval. Carlye will take care of this.

At this time, Rose had a change that she would like to have go to Bob Horne for edit. This would be on Section 3-39 in the Natural Resources portion of the policy. The individual who Rose talked to felt that this should read "the Pintler Wilderness Area is contained within the Anaconda Mountain Range".

Motion is made by Rose Nyman that the Planning Board forward the Growth policy to the ADLC Board of Commissioners and establish a 30-day comment period with copies of the policy to be placed at the Hearst Free Library, ALDC, Planning Department Office, Metcalf Center, and the Anaconda Chamber of Commerce; seconded by John Lombardi. Motion passes 6-0.

Matters from the Staff:

Chas just wanted to thank DOWL for working on the Transportation project, getting it wrapped up.

Chas wanted to let the board know that the Rams Horn Subdivision application was withdrawn by the applicants at the beginning of December. Since then, Chas was contacted by an engineer that Mr. Baker has retained to look at some of the requirements that had been put on them for controlling the storm water runoff and so on and so forth up there. There is going to be some surveying done as the Baker's had never applied for storm water pollution prevention plan coverage or construction for storm water permitting coverage. They have left the site in a bit of a dangerous situation for downhill residents. At any rate, the engineer that they hired was not aware that the easement was going through private properties to the gate. The engineer is going to investigate into this a little bit more to see what they can find out regarding the legalities of this.

Matters from the Board:

Frank Fitzpatrick asked for a follow-up from Wayne Wendt, Road Foreman regarding bridges and the loads that they can handle through the county in regard to large fire engines, county vehicles, etc. Chas states that he has attended the Fire Council meeting for ADLC last Wednesday night. What has happened is that the State of Montana DNRC, in conjunction with Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, has come up with some statewide standards which they call their Urban and Wildland Interface Protection Standards. They are relatively general. The folks at Georgetown got hold of this and said this made sense for the things they are dealing with due to the

physiography out there. They then took their own initiative and presented things that we have all heard previously. However, they did not consult with the other fire districts as they have not met together in 2-½ years. So, everyone was working on their own thing and some didn't even have the state document. The Anaconda City Fire Department stated that the Urban and Wildland Interface Protection Standards doesn't really mean a whole lot to them, although Chas pointed out to them that they may need to be dealing with the urban interface within certain developmental areas. Mr. Everett didn't want to see five different sets of standards, and so what was agreed upon is that they need to tie the standards into our existing code so that they make sense relative to the existing development district characteristics. This can be done very simply with a one line entry into each one of the development districts and then have their own standalone set of standards that work for all districts and then pull anything with a quantitative value and put that into a resolution so that as these standards at the state level change, there may need to be additional requirements, but we won't have to go back in every time and change the code and that we can just change the resolution, which is a much more simple process. Everyone has agreed to this and they will be meeting again in two weeks just to see where they are at. As far as bridge rating goes, Chas has some issues with that seeing that there is such a high rate of weight that some are seeing. Some of this is extremely excessive for some of these smaller stream crossing bridges. The discretion of the DPS administrator and the area specific fire chief will need to address the issues one on one with a developer and do a site specific fire and emergency response plan.

Rose Nyman wanted to address several issues. First, she would like to have put on next agenda the ordinance that created the Planning Board and the bylaws, as they are not in sync. These should be the same. She will be willing to put some time into this in order to get this ready to see what needs to be addressed and she would like this on the next agenda .

Second, she was very concerned about the work session that the Planning Board had regarding the Growth Policy. She feels that Mr. Horne does not understand that he works for ADLC and that we do not work for him. His contract does contain the language that he is not allowed to direct county employees. She feels that if staff is being "harassed", then this needs to be dealt with. She stated that the board was there for three hours and that she is an adult and you can give her paperwork to read and that she didn't feel that being read to for three hours was beneficial to anyone. She feels that this was a waste of county resources and she resented the arguments that Mr. Horne had with board members not wanting to make the changes that were requested. This is why she asked the chairman to poll the board to make him understand that it is the Board's decision and not his. She feels that valuable employees have been lost due to Mr. Horne's attitude.

She also stated that she is very proud of the Planning Board this evening as they moved two items forward to the commission and that we are on the move here.

Public Comment:

None.

Next Meeting Date:

February 11th, 2019

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlye Hansen

Carlye Hansen, Planning Department Secretary

Approved 02/11/2019

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