

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes

February 10, 2014

Chairperson Helmer called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Harris, Howse, Leggett and Wink. Also in attendance was City Planner Thompson.

Howse had one question about a sentence under Comprehensive Plan updates and it was The Economic Development we will be working on tonight, she didn't feel it made sense. It was clarified that Thompson was reporting on the Comprehensive Plan and that is what was stated. **Harris moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 commission meeting. Howse seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Comprehensive Plan Updates and Comments

Thompson stated she changed the order of the Comprehensive Plan listing, she was doing it in order that we were tackling them but found that confusing so she put them in order of Elements in the Comprehensive Plan, land use being the first, housing second, etc. In February she has crossed out the open house because we haven't gotten their yet. There is an email from the City Engineer on the table for everyone concerning the Capital Facilities, Utilities and Transportation elements. The engineer was going to send something else today but she didn't receive it because we have been having problems with our computers. The public participation plan, housing review was supposed to be last month, in February, Economic Development and she thinks we are close to providing you with a hearing draft. Utilities review and Capital Facilities in the next two months may come or may not depending on the Engineers and their timing. Parks we will be looking at tonight for prioritization. One thing she did not mention is she started looking at the Urban Design and she has taken pictures over the past years of cities and window treatments and building sizes and different things that she would like to schedule time to go through with the commission to pick out what you like and don't like and what we would like to show the public and have them make comments on. Howse stated she has also been taking pictures.

Helmer stated when reading the email from the City Engineer, one of the things he likes is putting some goals in there like the 300 feet of sidewalk, is something definitive that our public constituents would like to see is some goals that mean something.

Park Priorities

Howse stated she worked on it but had a really hard time. Helmer stated he agreed. The commission went around the table and each gave their ideas for prioritization. After a lengthy discussion their prioritization is as follows: 1) Complete the Foothills Trail to the White River, 2) Develop park amenities at the end of Foothills trail and Riverfront Park, 3) Develop the Buckley Community Fields (DSHS Site), 4) Develop a mountain bike trail and trail head parking, 5) Develop a trail along the river with park amenities, 6) Develop a covered pavilion next to the Youth Center, 7) Develop the six acre Miller Property, 8) Foothills Trail crossing over the White River, 9) Develop a climbing wall and splash park, and 10) Develop a basketball court. **Harris moved to accept the order of prioritization for parks as written and forward to Recreation Director Boyd. Howse seconded the motion and the motion carried.** Thompson stated a public hearing is not required but recommended.

Economic Element

Thompson stated under Goal 3.5.1, regarding the small town characteristics or attributes, we cannot make a design criteria that says "be friendly". We need to think of a different way to describe friendly. One characteristic that sometimes appears in design standards is a pedestrian orientation, so that the windows/buildings are open so you can see through the businesses. She does have pictures that the commission can go through to see what kind of personality we would like. Harris stated it has to mesh with our idea of a brand. Thompson stated branding is an idea that could go as a small town attribute, such as mining, agriculture, farming, trains and logging. Discussion ensued. Helmer stated lets have everyone brainstorm on this and bring it to the next meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding signage for directional or informational signage. Helmer asked if we could put a definition for FIRE on the table listed on page 2, it was on the draft and now it's gone.

Topics for joint meeting with Council

Leggett asked what time the meeting started. Helmer stated that the Planning Commission regular meeting will be at 6:30 with the joint meeting starting at 7:00 PM with the City Council. There was a brief discussion about how the meeting will be run and background information regarding the agenda items for the joint meeting. Items on the agenda will consist of introductions, Comprehensive Plan updates, regulatory updates, communication improvements between the Planning Commission and City Council and any other topics, questions or comments that may arise from the meeting.

New/Old Business

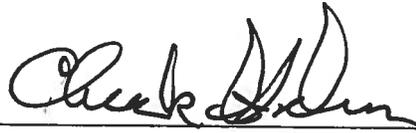
Thompson reminded everyone to send in their bios to get them on the website.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be February 24, 2014 at 6:30.

Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Howse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.



Chuck Helmer, Chairperson