

## City of Buckley

### Planning Commission Minutes

September 30, 2013

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

**Harris moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 commission meeting and the September 9, 2013 commission meeting. Wink seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

#### **Future Trail Plan Public Hearing**

Helmer opened the Public Hearing for the Future Trail Plan at 7:01 PM. Planning Director Thompson did a power point presentation explaining the process for the update to the Trail and Sidewalks Plan. Tonight's public hearing is being limited to Future Walkways.

Marvin Sundstrom, 881 Sheets Rd, he has been coming to these parks and trails hearings for many years. There was a point and time when this room would not hold the amount of people that would come to the hearings. That has changed because nothing ever gets done and when it does, it is not what people wanted. Mr. Sundstrom stated he appreciates what has been done, but he believes many opportunities for trails and wildlife corridors exist beyond what is shown. We have a lot of property within the City that is unbuildable. He then pointed out to the commission some of the areas he is referring to. Mr. Sundstrom stated the City also owns beyond its borders two springs, which in itself would make a truly fantastic trail. There are a lot of places in this city that offer an opportunity to view wildlife of some sort. Buckley is a unique area, not too many cities are set up so surrounding them they basically have unbuildable lands, unless the State should decide to sell. He feels we should have actual trails, not sidewalks. One area he sees an opportunity with is at the end of our present trail down by the fish ladders. He would be willing to pay a fee to be sure that he has parking when you get to where you are going and for the upkeep of the trail. He doesn't think everyone in the City should pay for this, only those that are users of it. What he has seen with a lot of the sidewalks is a tremendous expense.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 PM.

It was the Planning Commission's decision to table the discussion on this until the next meeting on October 7, 2013.

## Status of the Public Participation Plan

Thompson stated the Public Participation Plan that the commission approved at a previous meeting was given to the City Council and the Administration has forwarded it to the State Department of Commerce along with a request for \$18,000, which is the limit of the grant that they will allow. Thompson stated it is very important that we keep to this and look at it every meeting to make sure we don't miss deadlines and make sure we meet all the deliverables according to the grant. The next two elements we will be looking at are the Housing and Economic Development plan.

## Park Plan

Helmer asked Recreation Director Boyd to give a brief overview as to how the Parks Open House will be run. Boyd stated their hope is to have the survey's compiled and present that at the open house meeting, they will break into groups and get feedback from them. We will let them know what we have in place now, what is proposed and see if there are any other ideas. The open house will be October 19, 2013 at 9:30 AM and the Public Hearing will be November 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

The next regular meeting will be October 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

**Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Wink seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.



Chuck Helmer, Chairperson