

A meeting of the Lava Hot Springs Comprehensive Plan Committee of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho will be held on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Greystone Manor, 187 S. 2nd W., Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Present: Susan Lorenz, Mike Vice, Rita Anderson, Mark Lowe, Randy Benglan, Cathy Sher, Vicky Lyon and Trish Avery

Guest: Nancy Taylor

Flow Chart

Susan Lorenz reviewed the flow chart. She reported that the chapter drafts are complete and ready to be written into "Final Draft" form with the exception of a few final touches to the Economic Development chapter which she is working on.

Guest speaker Nancy Taylor

Nancy Taylor asked each of the committee if they were to leave Lava Hot Springs and then return twenty (20) years from now, what would they like to find in the future Lava Hot Springs. The following are the hopes that the committee members expressed:

- Greenway
- New building/new housing
- Community unity (when one prospers, all prospers)/more working together
- Expansion of opportunities for all who want to be here
- Expanded commercial use along Hiway
- Land use specified/zoning controls
- Distinct residential neighborhoods- land use should emphasize neighborhoods
- Central business district
- Preserve small town atmosphere
- Greater diversity in: jobs, housing, recreational opportunities, education, small industry, etc.
- Thriving Elementary School

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Ms. Taylor told the committee that citizen input is the most important part of the plan. She stated that small towns and older structures can be a great asset and a big draw to tourists. Tourists are looking for something different than what they see every day in their home cities.

Ms. Taylor told the committee that the Comprehensive Plan is just the beginning. It is very important that the city council supports the plan all the way.

Land Use Map

Ms. Taylor stated that the greenway needs to be on the future use map. This puts land buyers on notice that the greenway is part of the design plan. Lay out where the greenway will be. The future use map should include future neighborhoods and commercial uses.

She told the committee that when looking at an area to be annexed, look at the good parts and the limiting factors. She told the committee that they should amend the Comprehensive Plan if new ideas come to the table.

Where does it go from here?

Ms. Taylor told the committee that the Comprehensive Plan is a policy and that the Zoning ordinance is law. She said that the Comprehensive Plan update needs to be followed up with a Zoning Ordinance update.

Ms. Taylor also recommended that the city adopt a sign ordinance and a landscaping ordinance. She stated that these ordinances should not be killers to follow but they should have enough guidelines. She stated that design standards are crucial and that one bad development or sign can ruin a town. She stated that the city should never be afraid of losing a use or business, etc. in order to maintain the integrity of the community.

Determine System for Approval of Agency Draft

Susan Lorenz will put all the items from the community meeting maps on to one map and then pass it on to others to review and draw in other items if needed. She will put all the chapters and appendages together into one document ready to go out to the agencies.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.