

Notes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at  
7:00 p.m. at Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Present: Susan Lorenz (SICOG), Rita Anderson, Mike Vice, Cathy Sher, Randy Benglan, and Trish Avery

Guests: Nancy Turecek

Old Business: The committee discussed the possibility of having someone from the Sopris Foundation, the foundation that produced the DVD - "Nobody's Home", come to speak to us. Rita Anderson offered a home for them to stay in if they could come during the week. The committee decided that it would be a good opportunity to learn from them. Trish will contact the Sopris Foundation to see what the possibilities are for a meeting in early June or September.

Chapters/  
Themes: The committee view the photos which were taken of the groupings of the themes and P.I.C.s (Problems, Issues, & Concerns) which were grouped at the last meeting and chose the group which they felt would be the best way to proceed with the chapters.

Discussion followed that Lava has two main themes which are Home Town and Tourist Town. The committee made a list of resources and desired conditions. They discussed which theme that they would go into. It was decided that these two themes need to merge for Lava to be a successful community.

The committee discussed the problems of garbage, the need for more parking, the need for more restrooms on the east end of town, and the need for people to do their own pooper scooping. Do we need stronger ordinances? Do we need a commercial ordinance that requires the business owners to pick up garbage around their business daily and empty the garbage cans along the sidewalks on weekends? Do we need an ordinance which requires the business to follow a theme and property owners to keep their property well maintained? How would such ordinances be enforced?

It was stated that in visiting other tourist communities like; Jackson, Park City, Sun Valley, etc., these communities don't seem to have the problems we have. How do they handle it? The committee decided to call some of these communities to get their ideas. It was also suggested that signage around town asking the tourist to "Help Keep Lava Clean" may be helpful.

Cathy will do more work on the vision statement and include some of the things we've discussed.

Susan will send out the agency list by email to the committee. Each one will need to review the list and given input of any other agencies that may need added. The committee also needs to review the photo of the themes and give input on if changes may need to be made.

The next meeting will be held May 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.