

Notes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held Wednesday, June 24, 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, Vicky Lyon, and Trish Avery

Guest: Rebecca Airmet and Sam Lorenz

Vision Statement: Cathy Sher presented the revised vision statement. The committee made a few changes. The final vision statement was accepted as follows:

Lava Hot Springs Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement

Lava Hot Springs is a vibrant yet small “mountain town” nestled in the Portneuf River Valley of southeast Idaho. Surrounded by natural beauty, Lava Hot Springs is bestowed with the rare resource of hot mineral waters. These unparalleled hot waters and soaking pools have been used by people throughout history. Today the hot waters are an attraction to visitors from all over the globe, as well as to a community of full-time residents.

The town supports a strong economic base with a bustling business district and flourishing entrepreneurial sector. Parks and public areas are host to special events that attract visitors and residents alike. Mountainous terrain, seasonal weather conditions, and natural beauty provide a foundation for year-round recreational activities. The community celebrates, respects, and protects the natural resources that make Lava Hot Springs an ideal place to visit, as well as a wonderful place to call home. The community welcomes diversity in business, tourism, and residential life.

Lava Hot Springs takes pride in providing quality infrastructure and city services along with excellent employment, educational, and cultural opportunities for people of all ages. Neighborhoods in the townsite are zoned to preserve a quiet, safe, and friendly atmosphere, featuring low density development and natural open spaces. The community treasures the quality of life afforded by the natural beauty and hometown feeling of Lava Hot Springs.

Maps: Trish Avery showed the committee the maps she had gotten from Forsgren Associates, Inc. The maps can be printed with other options such as current zoning on them. The committee discussed several items that may be helpful to have printed as references on the maps. The committee will make a complete list of maps needed for work sessions and public meetings.

Zoning Ord. Rita Anderson gave a mini seminar on the zoning ordinance. It was noted that the first paragraph after the title states that the comprehensive plan is a policy guide for the applications and provisions of this Zoning Ordinance.

The committee discussed the land use section. Differences in allowed uses by zone were noted. Rita pointed out that we have no R1 zone and the C1 & C2 are a combined zone. It was questioned why this was the case. Susan will check to see if State Law definitions each zone.

The commission discussed what requirements the zoning ordinance had on open spaces. Set back requirements and the P.U.D. ordinance were discussed. Trish will email the P.U.D. ordinance to the committee.

Additional Comp. Plan Member: Susan opened the discussion as to if any additional Comprehensive Plan Committee member(s) were needed to replace the members who have stepped down. New members could give new energy to the committee but the appointment would need to go through the same process as the original committee. It was also stated that new members would need to be brought up to speed and would need to be appointed to fill needs on the committee. The need for the committee members to be committed to work through this project was discussed. Trish will call each member to get a recommitment. If a member feels they need to step down there may be a greater need to appoint a new member. The committee will make a decision on this at the next meeting.

Schedule Next Mtg.: The need to change meeting dates through the summer was discussed. Two of the committee members have other commitments on Wednesday evenings during the summer. It was decided to move the meetings to every third Tuesday.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.