

Notes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at  
7:00 p.m. at Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Present: Susan Lorenz (SICOG), Mark Lowe, Rita Anderson, Mike Vice, Cathy Sher, Vicky Lyon, and Trish Avery

Guests: Nancy Turecek

Themes: Mike Vice, Cathy Sher & Trish Avery presented the section themes which they had prepared from the community input (surveys & meeting). The committee discussed the themes and gave input. Section themes thus far are as follows:

Lava Hot Springs - Comprehensive Plan - Themes

**Hometown Feeling (atmosphere)**

- Family, friends, home, small town, caring people, nurturing, and encouraging.

**Community Unity**

- Leadership, opportunities for community involvement, improved communications and outreach, nurturing, having a voice, equal and fair treatment, and people being the fabric of the community.

**Optimizing Resources**

- Types include, but are not limited to: natural, businesses, people, medical, and educational opportunities.

**Preserving Natural Surroundings**

- Hills and mountains, Portneuf River and valley, geothermal resources, and the heritage of the city and people.

**Housing**

- Renting, owning, controlled growth, efficient Planning & Zoning, (adequate) affordable housing, sensitivity toward geographic limitations, and educational opportunities.

**Employment**

- Making more of what we have, more and better jobs, optimizing resources, seeking business opportunities and partnerships, and building & securing educational opportunities for all ages.

**Business Development & Recreational Opportunities**

- Industry, tourism, and four season activities.

## **Transportation**

- Parking, signage, pathways, bus system expansion or improvements, and infrastructure improvements.

Council/  
P & Z

Mike & Rita reported on their updates to the City Council & Planning and Zoning Commission. Some of the concerns these groups have are:

- Zoning – balance between commercial and residential needs.
- Main Street – run down/needs face lift
- Side walks, curb & gutter needed in more areas
- Parking - need more

Mike said that by the time the comprehensive plan comes on the agenda it is late and everyone is ready to go home. It would be good to have a special meeting or work session with the city council and planning & zoning commission before the next public meeting. Susan suggested that this special combined meeting be held before we start promoting the public meeting.

Film:

The committee viewed and discussed the film “Nobody’s Home” by the Sopris Foundation from Aspen, Colorado.

Work  
Sessions:

The committee started working on a list of possible work session ideas. One suggestion was to see if we could get a representative from the Sopris Foundation to come here to speak to the committee.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 @ 7 p.m.