



THE INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (INC) MEETING OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Mar. 14, 2019

Attending: Jennifer Rockne (SCAN), Kathy Francisco (UNA), Lisa Prugh (Cooper Park), David Steinmuller (The Knolls), Paul House (NENA), Bob Wall (SENA)

Tanya Andreasen (Neighborhood Coordinator)
Commissioner Terry Cunningham
Tom Rogers (planner in Community Development Dept)
Britt Fontenot (City Economic Development Director)

4:32 Jennifer convened the meeting

Commission room in City Hall.

No public comment.

Reviewed Jan. minutes and retreat minutes. Spelling corrections for retreat: Ita Killeen and Marilyn Raffensperger. Paul moved to approve the minutes with suggested amendment. Lisa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4:35 NA round robin updates

Knolls pretty pre-occupied with HOA formation. Annual meeting scheduled May 22. Speakers will be Commissioner Cunningham, Jessica Alstrom on efficient water use, Mike Maltaverne, Deputy Fire Chief, on emergency preparations. Will be held at Aspen Point.

Cooper Park – a lot of snow, recent fire at SoBo. Two-hour parking in place at Cooper Park. Request to extend parking district around Cooper Park was denied.

SCAN – annual meeting Apr. 9 at Story Mansion. Agenda is set, including Mayor Andrus and Andrea Surratt. New president in place. Active working groups on parking, NCOD, downtown plan.

UNA – spring meeting Apr. 23. Mark Carpenter, Jessica Alstrom will speak, potentially someone on drought tolerant and pollinating plants.

NENA – Meeting about Cottonwood & IDA PUD. Drafted comments in support. Submitted comments on NCOD. Spring meeting not scheduled yet.

SENA – planning spring meeting in May.

4:41 Tom Rogers (Planner in Community Development Dept) update on community plan
Discussed the SOBO fire. May need to dig out the concrete, if the fire damaged the rebar.

Presentation on the community plan (aka growth plan). Planning Dept. is updating the plan; Commission has approved engaging consultants to help.

Three-phase process: data gathering; themes & opportunities; goals, objectives, metrics, and draft.

Most recent plan adopted in 2009.

State Legislature has evolved requirements. Some of the changes necessitated updates.

Required to evaluate every five years, typically make significant updates every ten years.

Just entering phase 3. Phase 1 produced demographic and real estate market assessment. Report available on community plan update page on city web site.

Phase 2 completed – seven themes identified. Shape of city; neighborhood significance; bolstered by downtown and complementary districts; influenced by mountains, open space, parks; guided by regional cooperation and defined edges; prioritizes mobility choices; powered by creative, innovative, entrepreneurial economy

Summary available in document. Missing amenities: schools, sidewalks

Priorities in 2009 plan had 7 “principals”: neighborhoods; sense of place; natural amenities; centers; integration of action; ...

Phase 3 includes future land use map; goals and objectives; indicators and metrics; and draft plan.

Going to present to Planning Board on Mar. 26. Iterative process with Planning Board, City Commission.

4 questions posed to Commission Feb. 25: available on City Commission site, under past agenda. How to deal with existing development, growth.

Mar. 26 meeting with Planning Board: indicators and metrics; case studies

Apr. 2 meeting with Planning Board: goals & objectives; preliminary draft for background chapter

Apr. 16: Framework map (illustrating visions/opportunities). Suggestion to include an “executive summary”

May 7 & 21: implementation; full chapters

ChattaData (from Chattanooga, TN) is a good example of how to gather and present data like this.

Planning Board meetings first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Might start early if no Zoning Commission agenda at 6:00.

How can the INC and NAs get involved with this process? Encourage attendance at Planning Board meetings, consume info available online to help inform recommendations. Recommendations that represent bigger groups have greater weight.

Would there be value if the NAs did some polling of residents to get neighborhood input? Might be better to come up with the issues that are identified as important to individual NAs, even if they don't fit within some of the polling that has been done. Jennifer suggested a small group might review the materials and distill some questions that might be of interest to the neighborhoods. Maybe put questions out via NextDoor. Suggestion to possibly distribute paper question forms at NA meetings.

5:15 Tanya – neighborhood retreat summary

Neighborhoods program update – Tanya printed out and distributed.

Retreat notes – Tanya also distributed. What we're doing well, identified challenges, short studies of other cities' Neighborhoods programs, favorite ideas.

Tanya assembled some opportunities for action. Could form into working groups.

Community Plan: input gathering

MSU: Neighbor liaison

NCOD plan update: Public comment, plan review

Downtown plan: review, public comment (Jennifer interested)

BBAB/INC: join neighborhood beautification project(s)

Water Conservation: ongoing (Paul interested)

Parking: ongoing

Parks & Trails: (Bob interested)

Transportation (Lisa suggested adding)

Complete Streets workshop on morning of Apr. 4 – flyers available

Next traffic calming project will be around Bogert Park.

5:40 Commissioner Cunningham's update

Legislative update – keeping an eye on bills that affect City.

Strategic plan update in progress. Hoping to get Public Safety Center in motion soon.

Parks improvement district will probably be on the ballot in November.

NCOD and Downtown Plan – commission will get first look at proposals in upcoming agendas.

Tanya has one sheet update on NCOD and Downtown plans.

Strategic plan calls for Comprehensive Affordable Housing Action Plan. Consultants have helped develop the needs assessment (which has been received by Commission) and are working on the action plan. This team developed the plan for Big Sky.

Overview of the needs assessment report. Considerable stress at every step along the housing continuum. Employer survey identified considerable stress on recruiting and hiring.

Transitioning to Action Plan development. Decide where to target efforts, what resources are needed, what resources are available.

Affordable Housing working group – 20 members.

Active search ongoing for affordable housing manager.

Tanya will get presentation from Commissioner Cunningham to distribute.

Needs assessment is available on City website – also sent out on NextDoor.

5:59 No objections – meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Bob Wall.