



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020
5:35 PM
LAUREL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

General Items

1. Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35PM

Evan Bruce
Roger Giese
Jon Klasna
Ron Benner
Gavin Williams
Judy Goldsby
Nick Altonaga (City of Laurel)

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2019
3. Approve Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2020

Members reviewed the two sets of meeting minutes on the agenda.

Evan moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2019 and January 8, 2020 as presented.
Jon seconded.
Motion carried.

New Business

4. Growth Management Policy Chapter 4: Community Profile

Nick presented the Community profile and Employment forecast chapters. He discussed generally how he drafted it and some of the information that is included.

Ron: What sources were used for this data?

- Nick: US Census and ACS 5-Year estimates.

5. Growth Management Policy Chapter 5: Employment Profile

Members discussed the lack of specific numbers for refinery and railroad workers which do not appear to be represented. Members then discussed the Laurel city-county divide and the possible need to take those numbers into account. Should we include those area residents who are outside of the municipal boundary?

- Nick will follow-up with KLJ to see if this is necessary and if there is any accurate data.

- Nick recorded the specific board member notes on a copy of the GMP chapters.

6. Update: Goldberg Sporting Estates Subdivision

Nick provided a brief update as to the Goldberg Sporting Estates Subdivision. City staff and KLJ met with the Developer on January 31st to discuss the January 16 Sufficiency letter and major items which need to be addressed prior to moving forward.

Old Business

7. Growth Management Policy Chapter 1: Introduction, Purpose

Nick presented the updated Chapter 1 and asked members to review and comment on any needed changes. Members had no major comments besides minor spelling and grammar comments.

8. Growth Management Policy Chapter 3: Community Goals and Objectives

Members discussed the importance of sidewalks and community connectivity regarding parks and subdivision improvements.

Members also discussed the verbiage of some of the goals. It is important to edit them to keep things more general.

Members discussed the need for property owners to repair sidewalks and fixing sidewalks during building rebuilds. Who is responsible for sidewalk repair/ property owner or the city?

Discussion of in-fill development in downtown and vacant parcels.

Discussion of S. 1st Ave and needed pedestrian and accessibility improvements.

Nick will send out invitations to major state groups by the end of the week to schedule meetings with the Planning Board.

Members discussed the need for parks and more useable recreation land – Many developers have dedicated parkland that is useless or provided cash in lieu and have NO parkland.

Other Items

Members discussed the SE 4th pedestrian walkways and the old lighting district project.

Members discussed the underpass: A tool trailer and port-o-potty were set up near the tracks. There is work being done on the underpass for maintenance. – Cleaning, etc.

9. 2020 Meeting Schedule

There will be a public hearing on a variance for the Laurel Trading Post along East RR. Similar to the last one in the same area. Will have the packet by end of week.

I will be in Kalispell on March 11th for the Floodplain Managers Conference. Taking the CFM Exam. Suggest we cancel this meeting and have Future Land Use placed on the March 25th meeting with Housing.

Announcements

10. Next Meeting: February 26, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

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