Minutes
Planning Commission Meeting
April 05, 2023

Roll Call
PRESENT
Chair Bachran
Vice Chair Knutson
Commissioner Clisset
Commissioner Howe
Commissioner Foguth

Approval of Agenda
Chair Bachran makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Clisset, to approve the agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes
November 17, 2022
December 7, 2022

Chair Bachran makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to approve the minutes.

The motion carries unanimously.

Actions and Presentations

1. Introducing Phoenix Rising Resources LLC, Master Plan consultants. Instruction to the Planning Commission regarding roles and responsibilities for supervising Master Plan formation

Marissa Mommaerts, Phoenix Rising Resources LLC, presented the timeline produced as:

- April 27, 2023: First Community Engagement Session (with pizza reception).
- June 10, 2023: Second Community Engagement Session.
- July 31, 2023: Draft Master Plan to be submitted.
- August–October 2023: Revisions and public review.
- December 18, 2023: Final Master Plan submission.
- January 2024: Public hearing on the final plan.
- February 2024: Final contract deadline.

Public Engagement Strategy:
- Planned engagement sessions with facilitated small-group discussions.
- Request for commissioners to volunteer as facilitators (excluding trustees).
- Concerns raised about session depth and effectiveness.
- Recommendations to extend session duration and clarify facilitation materials.

Discussion Points by the Planning Commission with Phoenix Rising Resources
- Collaboration Expectations and Feedback
  The commission discussed the workflow between Planning Commissioners and Trustees, proposing a model where the Commission provides initial feedback and Trustees offer final approval, while ensuring consistent board involvement.
- Growth Framework and Community Concerns
  The group expressed worries about urban sprawl, infrastructure limits, water

availability, and affordable housing. They favored strategies promoting urban density while preserving rural character.

- Economic Development
  There was a strong call for diversifying the economy beyond tourism. Proposals included supporting small businesses, developing a business corridor along Highway 133, and establishing a trade/technical school to boost year-round employment.
- Livability: Walkability, Accessibility, and Recreation
  Ideas to improve town mobility included expanding parking, adding shuttle systems, and enhancing sidewalks and bike lanes. Prioritization of ADA compliance and better pedestrian connectivity were emphasized.
- Environment and Sustainability
  Discussions centered around building community resilience to natural hazards and promoting sustainability. Suggestions included green sewer infrastructure, graywater use, and adopting habitat-based, food-producing landscaping practices.
- Community Values and Cultural Preservation
  Participants stressed preserving the town's small-town charm and identity. They recommended bringing back the 'Heart and Soul' project results to guide values-driven town planning.
- Inclusion and Representation
  The group acknowledged the need to better involve underrepresented populations like youth, workers, and religious communities by leveraging schools, churches, and local venues for outreach.
- Cultural and Historical Acknowledgement
  It was recommended to recognize the area's Ute heritage within the historical narrative and to use community art and interpretive displays to foster a more inclusive town history.

2. Recommending established Neighborhood Boundaries for Liquor Licensing
   Chair Bachran provides background information as to why this item is on the agenda when questioned.

   Commissioner Clisset makes a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Knutson, to table this agenda item until the next meeting.

   The motion carries unanimously.

3. Discussion and decisions on recommendation to Board of Trustees for the Intergovernmental Agreement with Delta County.

   Chair Bachran provides background with clarification on details from Vice Chair Knutson.

   Chair Bachran makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to not have calcos in the IGA.

   The Motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment

Chair Bachran adjourns the meeting at 5:36PM

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Samira M. Vetter

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