

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

To: Commissioners
From: Charity Fechter, Planning Director
Date: October 5, 2012

Subject: **Planning Board Summary –September 24, 2012**

The regular Planning Board meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with 8 members present, Laurie Schmidt presiding. Mike DuCuennois (YMC), Justin Houser (Houser Engineering), John Bingham, Leesa Bingham, and Eileen Walters were in the audience.

- **YMC Settlement PUD Phasing Plan** – Yellowstone Mountain Club proposed a phasing plan for the Settlement PUD. Phase 1 would include all of the open space and the 47+ acre lot with the existing residence on the east side of the project. Phase 2 would cover the remaining single-family lots to the west and condominium development on the northwest part of the project. The Planning Board recommends approval.
- **Growth Policy Update**
 - The revised draft was reviewed. John Bingham commented on the need to reduce truck traffic on US 287, the proposed floodplain definition, and the questionnaire sent out last fall was written to elicit predetermined responses and was heavily weighted toward supporting wildlife.
 - The public hearing on the growth policy is set for Monday, October 29, at 6:15 p.m. It will be held in the Courthouse.
- **Position Description (Development Coordinator- per joint Commissioner/Planning Board meeting)**

The Commissioners will discuss the position description at their meeting on October 9.
- **Planning Board Member Reports**
 - Clyde Carroll – Appreciates the interest shown by the people in the audience.
 - Richard Meehan – Commented on the Southwest Planning Meeting in Deer Lodge. He was surprised that the Powell County Commissioner reported no discernible increase in tax revenue from the Rock Creek Ranch development (a high-end development).
 - Kathy Looney – Attended a BLM Regional Area Committee (RAC) meeting
 - Sage grouse population in the Dillon area is healthy.
 - Fire buckets used in fighting forest fires go through intensive decontamination process before water sources are changed to avoid transferring aquatic species.
 - Eileen Pearce – Attended the Sheridan Town Council meeting. The council elected Jeremy Miller of Alder as the Conservation District representative. She asked if he would be serving as the CD representative to the Planning Board.
 - Lane Adamason
 - Checked with the folks at the Madison CD, but so far no volunteer for the Planning Board
 - Folks from the Ranchlands Group will be attending a workshop at Seeley Lake sponsored by the Blackfoot Challenge. They were invited to discuss coordinating efforts in the community so groups can work together.
 - John Lounsbury (by Charity)
 - Attended the 287 study meeting in Bozeman; it was essentially the same presentation as that given the Planning Board. A public meeting is being considered.
 - The MV Fire Board is considering a 10-year CIP and possible mil levee increase for equipment replacement and fire stations.
 - Suggested having a meeting at the Ennis airport since there is a new fixed base operator (FBO).

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.