

Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group
October 13, 2008 minutes

Attendees: Erika Braaksma, Gail Weidenaar, Mark Kimm, Walt Sales, Warren Vaughan, Reese Miller, Bob Urich, Brent Sinnema, Ada Montague, Jack Vander Molen, Carl Vander Molen, Carol Weidenaar, Jason Kimm

Meeting Introduction:

- 1) Walt opened the meeting at 7:11 pm.
- 2) It was noted that Dwight Dyk called prior to the meeting to inform the group that he and Donna Eakman would not be coming to this evening's meeting.
- 3) The September 29th minutes were approved.

Business:

- 4) **Committee Reports:**
 - Water Assessment Committee - Ada gave a brief report.
 - Sidewalks & Trials Committee – Reese reported that he is looking into a grant called “Routes to Safe Schools.” The deadline is in December. Reese also found someone who could possibly design the ACCPG’s website.
 - Parks Committee – No committee has been formed yet.
 - Rural Landowner Committee – Brent reported that they have not met since the last ACCPG meeting. There is no news to report.
- 5) **Treasurer’s Report:** Gail reported that \$5,000 has been received and deposited from the Montana Smart Growth Coalition, which is the same money previously referred to as being received from the Sonorian Institute. There are no expenses to report.
- 6) **Decision on By-laws:** Bob reported that the committee met on the 6th of October and made the changes outlines in the September 29th ACCPG meeting minutes. The committee decided to have seven directors, each representing specific areas of the planning area. A paragraph regarding voting abstentions was also added.
 - Discussion followed on the October 10th draft of the by-laws, with the following decisions and amendments to the following paragraphs:
 - a) “Deposit of Funds” – strike option B

- b) A paragraph titled, “Annual Membership Meetings” was added. The annual meeting will be held the third Monday of January beginning in 2009.
- c) There was discussion on the committee’s decision to add a paragraph titled, “Special Voting Procedures.”
- d) “Voting Members Disqualified for Interest” – two phrases in the sentence were amended to say, “If any voting member of the corporation *submits* and application for approval of an action or a change of position regarding property owned or leased by such voting member or any *immediate family member* of such voting member which application is pending before either the corporation or any of the corporate committees, then that voting member may not vote on such application.

The sentence, “If such item originates in a committee, this shall not apply” was added.

Carl moved and Walt seconded to table a previous motion to vote on the changes to the by-laws listed above. The motion passed, and the by-laws document will be voted on at the next ACCPG meeting once Bob has made the amendments.

- 7) **Formal Election of Corporate Officers:** Brent moved and Bob seconded to accept the following nominations for officers. Walt Sales as President, Tim Van Dam as Vice-President, LeRoy Logterman and Gail Weidenaar as Co-Treasurers and Erika Braaksma and Carol Weidenaar as Co-Secretary. Motion passed.

- 8) **Town Core:** Warren explained the core area draft map dated 9-28-8 and a handout titled “Standards for the AC Town Core,” which he handed out at the last meeting.

There was some discussion of putting a limit on the upper square footage of lots, which the handout did not address. Density and use guideline also need to be laid out.

Closing Business:

- 9) The next meeting will be on Warren’s birthday: Monday, October 27th from 7-9 pm at the Churchill branch of Manhattan Bank.
- 10) Carol moved to adjourn the meeting and Gail seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm, as the secretary failed to record the exact time.