

Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group
October 27th, 2008 Minutes

Attendees: Erika Braaksma, Don Carlson, Dwight Dyk, Jason Kimm, Mark Kimm, LeRoy Logterman, Reese Miller, Walt Sales, Brent Sinnema, Dean Sybesma, Tim Van Dam, Carl Vander Molen, Jack Vander Molen, Warren Vaughan, Carol Weidenaar, Gail Weidenaar

Meeting Introduction:

- 1) Walt opened the meeting at 7:10pm.
- 2) The October 13th meeting minutes had two corrections within item number 4.
 - “Sidewalks & Trails Committee” should read “Sidewalks and Trails Committee”
 - The grant that Reese is researching is called “Safe Routes to Schools,” not “Routes to Safe Schools”

Tim moved to approve the minutes as amended and Jack seconded. Motion passed (all 5’s).

- 3) There was a quorum of members present at the meeting for voting purposes.

Business:

- 4) Committee Reports:

Treasurer’s Report – Gail reported that there have been no transactions since the last meeting. Walt informed everyone that the ACCPG needs to write a thank you letter to the Montana Smart Growth Coalition, which will be signed by everyone at the next meeting and then mailed.

Rural Committee – Brent reported that the committee had met and discussed topics including agricultural verses commercial uses, conditional uses, and TDR’s. The next rural committee meeting will be held Monday the 3rd of November at the Korner Café at 6:30 am.

Sidewalks & Trails Committee– Reese had no new news to report.

Website Committee – Reese reported that Ryan, one of his employees, would be willing to get the website up and running. Reese estimated a fee of \$350 to design and initially host it.

- 5) It was suggested that a letter be written to the community to update everyone on the progress of the ACCPG. Along with another invitation to the bi-weekly ACCPG meetings, the letter would also announce the formation of the 501-C3 non-profit corporation and explain the various committees, as well as the need for volunteers for specific committees. It was suggested that the letter be finished and distributed before the upcoming holiday mail rush.

- 6) Decision on By-Laws: After some discussion, there were some amendments to the October 14th by-laws draft, including:
- a) Jason moved to approve the addition of the paragraph titled “Annual Meeting” under Article Five. Tim seconded. Motion passed (all 5’s).
 - b) Under the “Special Voting Procedures” paragraph, Tim moved to start a new paragraph beginning with the sentence which reads “Any individual proposing changes to item four through seven...” Gail seconded. Motion passed (all 5’s).
 - c) Tim moved to add the words “to Gallatin County Planning Department” before the words “for approval” in the paragraph titled “Voting Members Disqualified for Interest.” Carol seconded. Motion passed. (all 5’s)
 - d) Gail moved to switch the order of the “General Member” paragraph to appear before the “Voting Member” paragraph rather than after for ease of reading. LeRoy seconded. Motion passed (all 5’s).
 - e) There was some discussion of the specific definition of an excused absence in regard to voting privileges. It was decided to leave an excused absence undefined. It was pointed out that if problems arise, the by-laws can be easily amended in the future.

Dwight moved to approve the by-laws with these amendments. Jack seconded. Motion passed (all 5’s).

- 7) Warren gave a brief update on the status of Churchill Northeast Subdivision’s application.

8) Town Core: Roads and Transportation

Warren passed around two maps showing current and proposed development along with current roads relative to the core planning area. These were accompanied by a handout, requested by the group, describing acreages in the town core, the buffer for Amsterdam Village, and railroad ownership.

The group then discussed roads within the core and rural planning boundaries. After comparing current trips per day verses proposed trips per day based on the future development of the working core boundary, there was some concern that perhaps the core boundary was too large. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Closing Business:

- 9) The next ACCPG meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th from 7-9 pm at the Churchill branch of Manhattan Bank.