

AMSTERDAM /CHURCHILL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

May 11, 2009

ATTENDEES: Bob Urich, Jim Potts, Adam Conard, Jack VanderMolen, Gail Weidenaar, Dean Sybesma, Amy Waring, LeRoy Logterman and Carol Weidenaar and Warren Vaughan.

MEETING INTRODUCTION:

- 1) A voting quorum was present.
- 2) Excused absences was granted to Walt Sales, Tim VanDam and Brent Sinnema.
- 3) Dean made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BUSINESS:

- 4) Website Committee/no report
- 5) Sidewalks/Trails Committee/no report
- 6) Sewer/Water Committee

Jim reported that the sewage lagoons are leaking. The district has applied for a \$15,000 matching grant from the Montana Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP), and three additional grants from the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC). Grant money could total \$35,000, so with the Districts \$15,000 match there could be a total of \$50,000 available.

The TSEP grant will facilitate a Preliminary Engineers Report (PER), which will evaluate options for storage, treatment and disposal of sewage. Other key factors with the PER are funding alternatives and sizing the system to accommodate community growth plans. Consequently, the Sewer District will need too, and has said they will, coordinate with the ACCPG. The whole system will be evaluated and financial cost analysis will be researched. It could take up to 9 to 10 months to complete the PER, and the 2011 Legislature will have to approve any construction grants.

Requests for proposals from engineering firms were published in the newspaper twice, and approximately 10 engineering firms responded. The

District has narrowed down the list to three Firms: DOWL HKM, Thomas Dean and Hoskins and Great West.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is on board with the Districts actions and progress. In the mean time, the District cannot accept any applications for new hookups into the sewage system, and the Health Department will not approve any new applications for hookups.

Existing sewage service rates will need to be increased.

7) Rural Committee/no report

Warren sent out 350 letters to the rural landowners.

Warren handed out ordinance # 2004-017 which is county wide regulation.

- 8) Town Core was next order of business. On page 2 in Section 1 definition of decay and nuisance was discussed. On page 3, section 3 prohibitions such as community decay and trash. Amy Waring will create wording for the insert into town core. Warren will bring policy language to next meeting. Amsterdam/Churchill town core discussion on 3.4, 3.5, and 3.4.1 a variety of commercial uses. Bob suggested control through agriculture. Discussion on policy 3.3.3, 3.6 and 3.10 which consists of pedestrians signs, crosswalk by bank and rumble strips. Policy 3.7 was also discussed. Warren will write up and bring policy changes to the next meeting.

- 9) The attendees agreed we do not see a need for the Gallatin Local Water Quality District.

Warren suggested having a community meeting by the end of June. Next meeting will be June 1, 2009 @ AMCH Bank.

At 9 p.m. Jim made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Carol.