

**Central Butte Neighborhood
Steering Committee #6
November 29, 2010
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

MEETING NOTES

Steering Committee Attendees:

Jim Shive	Sandra Johnson	Julie Tranmer
Revonda Stordahl	Barbara Miller	Jim Fay (ad-hoc)

Members not in attendance:

Jim Hope	Dave Fawcett	Linda Foster
Ed Kilgore	John Metz	Chris duToit
Dan Steele	Gary Jones	

Staff/Consultant Attendees:

Steve Hess (staff)	Anne Cossitt	Jolene Rieck
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Guests:

Mike Sheehey
Jan Nordwick

Anne Cossitt began the steering committee meeting by discussing the purpose and outcomes for the meeting. Jolene Rieck reported on the results of the town hall meeting that was held in October.

Anne Cossitt went through the draft neighborhood plan and explained the new formatting and organizational layout. The committee reviewed the draft document that was posted on line on November 19. Not all changes are documented in these meeting notes, but committee discussion will be incorporated into a revised plan scheduled to be distributed on December 7.

Jim Shive presented a 17-page comment and proposed amendments. The committee started with these comments and reviewed the objectives and strategies. Barbara Miller discussed the High School neighborhood plan that has been in existence for the past 15 years as well as the efforts by a coalition of organizations that have focused in this planning area. Barb provided to the consultant team one-page of written comments, and the steering committee reviewed and provided recommendations. Jim Fay indicated that a topic that is not addressed in the draft is the hospital expansion.

Anne distributed the following schedule, noting that the consultant contract ends at the end of December 2010.

December 7: Revised plan to the steering committee for final review comments.

December 15: Deadline for comments on the final plan.

December 22: Comments incorporated and re-sent to committee.

December 29: Final draft plan sent with cover letter to the Planning Board.

Committee members filled out an evaluation soliciting their thoughts on the planning process.

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1. What has worked well for you in these meetings?

- I came. It was okay.
- Consultant does a good job of keeping us on task. Everyone can have input.
- Kept meeting on track well.
- Input by all. Staff work of organizing project/facilitation.
- All get-well done.
- Feedback from the other members and certainly from the consulting team – especially to shape various thoughts from everyone.

2. What else would have made these meetings worthwhile to you?

- Less emphasis on historic preservation.
- Efforts at improvements of neighborhood.
- Free food, coffee, more often.
- Heat & food! Mortgage information from the banks and insurance facts? Barb's concerns should have been addressed. More knowledge about funding sources from the beginning – settlement funds, the _____

3. In terms of the overall planning process, how would you rank the success of the steering committee in meeting its mission of providing stakeholder input and feedback to BSB? (1- not good to 5-Great!)

- 2-3; difficulty in being heard or issues addressed
- 5
- 5
- 4
- 5
- 5
- 5; when the plan is presented

4. What questions or comments do you still have about the neighborhood plan?

- Worried about “energy” and do-ability
- I am concerned about finding financial resources to implement the plan
- Page 26 – “By-law” in “K-1” – what kind of structure is required or envisioned? And needs to be clear that the historic “neighborhood” don't have to be the neighborhoods in the plans.
- Where do we go from here – movement by BSB good and council.
- What moves this plan, start and will it help my neighborhood.
- Will look forward to reading the revised report in Word.
- Zoning issues – the subsidence issues & what is the 2002 report?

5. What advice/suggestions do you have for Butte-Silver Bow as they finalize this planning process?

- Advertise the plan.
- _____ organization.
- Pass it, and get things done.
- Read the plan with the objective of the needs of area residents
- Follow the plan – and address infrastructure issues & historic preservation issues are so important. Playground equipment is needed in smaller neighborhood parks – so kids don't have to cross busy streets.

6. Anything else you'd like to say?

- Thanks to all. Well done!
- Thank you for all you've done & know your hard work was appreciated by at least these members. Jim Shive's knowledge about historic preservation issues are right on the money.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.