

**Greeley Neighborhood Plan
Town Hall Meeting Notes
October 26, 2010**

The purpose of the meeting was to engage citizens in setting the goals for the plan area and to brief them on the work completed to date, including the mail survey results.

Three desired outcomes of the meeting were intended. Participants became informed about the results of the last town hall meeting and the results of the mail survey. Attendees had an opportunity to provide changes and additions to the proposed goals, and citizens were interested in how they can ensure that the objectives are implemented.

Seventeen people signed in as participants in the meeting; however, twenty-two people were counted.

Anne Cossitt of Cossitt Consulting began the meeting by discussing the mail survey results. She noted that the results have an error of margin of plus or minus 5.5 percent. The results are posted on the project website, and will be included in the final report. Anne announced that Robert E. Condon and Kevin S. Parvinen were the two winners of the gift baskets and certificates from Christina's Cocina Cafe. Special "thank you" to Christina McGrath for providing those incentives.

Jolene Rieck generally reported on the findings from the first town hall meeting.

Anne reviewed the proposed goals and objectives. She reviewed the topic areas and broad goal topics. Each attendee was provided a handout of the proposed goals and objectives and a comment sheet for written responses. Attendees circled on maps potential block groups in which they felt should be given the highest priority to begin improvements. The results are posted on the project website and are included in the draft report.

Attendees sat in 5 separate self-selected small groups. Each group discussed a particular topic area: land use, housing, parks & open space, public services, transportation and infrastructure. Answers were recorded onto flip charts and transcribed here. Each group was advised to write down individual responses, no group consensus was requested.

Land Use

- Buffer area on Continental & Farrell Street with landscaping (mainly trees) on both sides of Farrell Street and Continental Drive with permission from Burlington Northern & Grants for funding
- Greeley School – should be tore down and a park built

Housing

- Existing 5 types of zoning
- Mixed zoning go to simpler zoning with fewer types
- Traditional single residential
- More than (unlegible) needs
- Zoning not established since 1960's
- Going forward

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- Omit new mobile/manufactured homes
- Enforce existing regulations, e.g. fence heights, set backs

Parks and Open Space

- Goal #1 – Landscape on both sides of street
- Viewpoint Park
 - Reminent of Farrell Street
 - Trolley stop
- Display Heritage Center at Greeley School
 - Partner with MRI (Montana Resources)
- Prefer Community Transportation Enhancement money used for infrastructure
- Goal #3 – ADD:
 - East Middle School
 - Do community survey unsafe routes to parks and schools in area

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Storm drains
- SIDS (Special Improvement District)
 - Lighting, curbs, sidewalks
 - Worth investigating
- Grants/funding
- Information about “junk” vehicles
- Fencing heights
- Safety
 - Stop signs
 - Cross walks

Public Services

- Goal 3: Enforce existing codes for clean up.
 - Create plan focused on small square block areas where enforcement would take place involving all agencies
 - Abandoned vehicles, junk vehicles, vacant homes
 - Work with juvenile probation/youth court to institute community service clean up days
- New goal 5: Improve citizen safety within neighborhood
 - Objective 1: Raise awareness for citizens on what to watch for and report to law enforcement.
 - Objective 2: Notify police of criminal activity.

The small groups reported out the highlights of their discussions.

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One person returned comments on a written sheet. Participants had the option to return these sheets to Anne Cossitt by November 4, 2010. The following are the comments received at the meeting.

For a specific goal topic: What changes need to be made? Do you have any additional ideas on strategies or ways to implement the goal?

1. Foster community character
2. Usage of the Greeley School building

For the entire set of goals: Is anything missing? Do you have any other changes or particular concerns?

1. Community enrichment
2. Mediating impact of active mine

In addition, participants had the opportunity to provide additional feedback by writing their comments on blank cards. Zero cards were returned.

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