

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Phyllis Hemstad at 7 p.m.

Attendance: Phyllis Hemstad, Dorothy Schmidt, Kelly Manzer, SueAnn Strickland. Bob Mehlhoff was in Helena on Legis. Business. Quorum Established

West Bank Park Update: Phyllis spoke concerning the proposed Industrial Zoning of the old Westgate Shopping Center across from the Park. She would like to see Light Industrial Zoning for the buffer zone. Joe Briggs, County Commissioner, 5900 Western Drive, reported as to where the Heavy Industrial Zones were located around the City. Phyllis was concerned that we were not notified about this activity impacting the Park, as we should have been. Discussion followed concerning wall, fencing, etc. on property.

West Levee Update: Sandy Mares 429-19<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. spoke that there is still a strong advocate for levee certification with the re-election of Sen. Tester.

Letter to City Attorney Update: Kelly Manzer 1400 Central Ave. W. reported that our letter concerning hobby or commercial breeders (dogs) is now in front of the acting City Attorney. Kelly passed around pictures of a problem on Diana Drive. Kurt Robinson 300 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. feels the man in his neighborhood is running a commercial kennel, as is evidenced by his five page website and number of dogs and litters being produced on site. There has been a problem across the entire City since the City changed the dog ordinance. The County now has a stricter ordinance than the City. Since there is a problem with the multiple animal permit, Kelly feels that we should ask the City to re-visit the current ordinance. Joe Briggs discussed the County ordinance.

State Fair and Cascade County Update: Joe Briggs spoke and introduced the new County Seal. MAFB now has a bike path to the gate and the entryway has been beautified. The residents along the road have also upgraded and beautified their own properties. JLUS Study has been completed, including the missile fields. This includes limited zoning around other counties missile sites. The 3-pack concert at State Fair was discussed. SueAnn Strickland 609 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.W. comment on the lack of attendance during the Central Park Concerts because of the new beer garden fencing and complemented Joe on the handling of the gates. Charlie McCune 1007 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.W. asked why 2010 had the best year and why free concerts did not bring people in. He and Joe discussed vendor issues regarding gate tickets. Trailer vendor was also discussed as to why he was not given his usual spot—did not want to pay the going rate for it. MaryAnn Komar 1426 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.W. asked about using volunteer ushers and this was discussed. Joe explained that this year there was a training issue. Joe passed out a Financial Trends Sheet. Linda Sterling 1375 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W. asked how the Fair impacts the hotel/motel industry and do we have a bed tax. Joe stated that we have a \$1 bed tax and thus grants are given to subsidize events at ExpoPark through TBID. Charlie McCune asked if any of the lawsuits are figured in the equation. Joe said they are not. Several people asked how the County rated the Manager. Joe did not give an exact rating stating there are other factors involved. SueAnn Strickland told Joe that Lisa should check and see what is going on at the King's Arena every Sunday morning as there is always a full to overflowing parking lot and she should see if ExpoPark could get on that barrel racing circuit rather than just having the

Livestock Pavilion sitting idle as it is now. She also asked how the Honor System has been working for the riders using the Arena. Joe says that it is not working.

Growth Policy Update: Ida Meeham 520 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. No. from the Planning Board talked about updating the Growth Policy. A description was given for items that are included up to 2025. There are groups meeting, starting with a kick-off in August. There are 4 working groups established, meeting at 6 p.m. in room 112 at the Civic Center. All are welcome with 17 to 25 people attending regularly.

Kurt Robinson asked about the sewer and water issues on bills/taxes. Bob was supposed to check on this, but was in Helena. A discussion followed concerning this.

Kelly Manzer asked Joe about the Fair Bond and was told that this had been paid off.

SueAnn Strickland asked about the lack of Tribune coverage during the Fair and no results after the Fair. Joe discussed this at length—Fair did not advertise, therefore Tribune would not cover.

MaryAnn Komar asked who paid for the new paving in Smelter Ave. in Black Eagle and Joe told us we all did through State and Federal Funding on major arterials.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SueAnn Strickland, acting Secretary