



Joint Town Council/Board of County Commissioners Meeting Summary

JACKSON TETON COUNTY
Comprehensive Plan

July 19, 2007 – 3:00 p.m.
County Courthouse

Attendance:

Town Council:

Mayor Mark Barron, Mark Obringer, Bob Lenz, Melissa Turley

Board of County Commissioners:

Andy Schwartz, Leland Christensen, Hank Phibbs, Ben Ellis

Staff:

Jeff Daugherty and Blair Leist (County), Jeff Noffsinger (Town), Ben Herman (Clarion), Leslie Ellis (Clarion), Bill Collins (Collins Planning).

Public:

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Agenda Topics:

1. Welcome
2. Project Team Introductions
3. Overview of Work Plan and Schedule
4. Public Participation Strategies
5. Advisory Committees
6. Plan Update Goals and Defining Issues
7. Public Comment
8. Next Events Date

The planning team provided a brief slide presentation to address topics above and then elected officials discussed the topics.

Discussion

Stakeholder Committee Suggestions

Council and BOCC suggested the following ideas for committee categories:

- Agriculture? Large property owners
- Recreational tourism
- Blue collar/work force

- Resort – Teton Village
- Real Estate versus developers – are not the same category
- Environmental – can we combine some categories?
- Business (downtown business versus Chamber) Retail?
- Design professions – downtown.
- Regional – Hoback, Wilson, etc.
- Arts and Culture
- Construction

Staff will revise the matrix and categories and informally provide suggestions for membership to the elected officials within the next two weeks.

Public Participation General Outreach Ideas

Officials did not provide additional recommendations but agreed that Old Bill's Fun Run will be a good event to raise awareness about the plan and have "roll out" events that week.

Plan Goals/Issue

Reflecting on the handout entitled, "Plan Update Goals and Defining Issues: Discussion and Confirmation," the officials provided the following recommendations about priority issues:

- Affordable Housing – We need to also base our information and needs on the FTE Study, not just on the Affordable Housing Study.
- Character – demographic shifts are occurring. Address these shifts as basis for defining the plan update (e.g., export of middle class and aging population).
- Define "density" and "height." Town and County use different terms and approaches. Use established terms.
- Sustainability/Stewardship – These topics may be a unifying place to start and an overarching theme for the plan update.
- OR – sustainability could be the capstone of the plan (defined by the three elements – community, environment, and economy). With community character as a starting point.
- Preservation of wildlife (is key),. Habitat and migration routes. Natural Resource Overlay (NRO) and how they fit should be addressed. Landscape is important.
- Buildout has to be "defined" by stewardship.
- Community character – Should be defined by emotional part (community) as well as built form.
- Buildout – would be a helpful tool and exercise to help understand current land use conditions and plan for future. The character-based plan we use now creates confusion and doesn't provide enough guidance about growth. Need to address incremental steps of growth.
- The officials were mixed in reaction to whether plan should define ultimate buildout, but all agreed that some analysis will be helpful. We need to address it as a starting point (defined by current zoning, changing trends, and the Futures map).
- Transportation – a concern. Traffic is part of our character. Commuter traffic is increasing.

- Relationship – all the issues and topics need to be addressed together in the plan, not as isolated topics (e.g., transportation and wildlife – need tools to move forward).
- Consistency of plan with LDRs is an issue to be addressed.
- Cohesiveness between the chapters will need improving.

Public Comment

One person spoke:

- S. Sharkey of Save Historic Jackson offered to help fund a community survey.