

## Grand County Planning Commission Minutes

February 13, 2008

A regular meeting of the Grand County Planning Commission convened on the above date at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Grand County Courthouse.

**Members Present:** Chairman Marcus LaFrance, Jean Binyon, Chris Baird, Dave Cozzens, Charley Every and Ed Bridges. D.L. Taylor was absent.  
County liaison – Gene Ciarus

**Others Present:** County Staff Mark Wright and Krissie Killoy applicants and other concerned citizens. Mary Hofhine was absent.

The Chair asked that all cell phones be turned off; if one goes off during the meeting you will be asked to leave. Please if you need to have a conversation with persons in the room other than when called on step outside the chambers.

The Chair gave a brief explanation of the process the Commission uses for the public hearing process.

The Chair asked the Commission if there were any conflicts of interest that needed to be disclosed on any of the agenda items; there were none.

The first order of business in February pursuant to the LUC shall be the selection of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

Jean Binyon moved to postpone until the next meeting at which time the Council will have confirmed the positions for and we will have a complete Commission to make a decision of the Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Baird.

**Discussion – Ed Bridges** feels there are enough people to go forward with the election and further asked when we changed selection of Chair from January to February. The LUC currently states February.

**Jean Binyon** mentioned that applicants are usually decided on by now.

**Chris Baird** stated that if the current members are elected as Chair or Vice Chair and then are gone the next meeting we will need to go through the process again.

**Charley Every** asked if we would have the decision by the Council at our next meeting. That's a decision by the Council and nobody was going to try and second guess them.

**Ed Bridges** asked Chris Baird that since he is running for Council if he gets a position he will need to resign from the Commission and we will have a vacancy once again.

**Chris Baird** stated that he doesn't make application until March.

The Chair called the question on the motion – the vote was 1 against and 2 for the motion; the motion to postpone selection of the Chair and Vice Chair didn't pass. Charley Every and Marcus LaFrance abstained.

Ed Bridges nominated Marcus LaFrance seconded by Charley Every with no other nominations Marcus LaFrance is Chair by acclamation. Marcus LaFrance thanked the Commission for their confidence.

Jean nominated Chris Baird for Vice Chair, Ed Bridges seconded with no other nominations Chris Baird is Vice Chair by acclamation.

**Public Hearing – Trail Plan** – Staff read into the record the Grand County General Plan as amended to date, and the proposed plan given to the Commission in their packets. Staff introduced Sandy Freethey Chair of the Trails MixCommittee and Geoff Freethey to give a presentation on the proposed plan. A 10 minute power point presentation was given showing the plan including the maps and future trails. A matrix was shown giving the definitions, ownership, and use of specific trails in the plan. A copy of the plan is on the County website and in the County Planning Office for review by the public.

The Chair opened it to public comment.

**Laurel Hagen** – asked that you specify on the maps or the description of the trail what they're planning to do with the trails, an example would be whether they are going to be paved or left unpaved.

**Kim Shappert** – explained how to use the plan specifically from the matrix to the map. It gives comment (notes) as to the trail.

**Charles Pipkin** – asked a question regarding the non-motorized trails – how are you going to deal with the conflict of use when some of the non-motorized trails are used by motorized vehicles?

The Chair stated that we don't usually allow questions since this is time for public comment, but if someone could answer the question.

**Kim Shappert** stated there are some trails that are mixed use and are designated as such. The reason for non-motorized is to deal with the conflict.

The Chair asked for further comment, with none the hearing was closed. Procedurally the Commission makes a recommendation to the Council as this will be a reference in the General Plan.

The Chair stated that it is a great plan and thanked all those who spent time working on the plan.

**Dave Cozzens** stated that it is a great plan but he has concerns with non-motorized trails that should be designated as motorized. Dave Cozzens has been very involved in trials in Grand County and would like to have some of the designated non-motorized trails reclassified.

**Chris Baird** – asked what part of the plan is used during review of subdivisions and how do we tie this plan to the development.

**Marcus LaFrance** stated that General Plans are not law, but reference material as a tool for guidance by the government body.

Staff explained that LUC does specify that we need to review the General Plan including the Trails Plan and review development based on the plan.

**Charley Every** stated that he thinks we need to have more trails that are shared; it's a great plan and this needs to be utilized by all as a map for available for the community for trail system.

Chair asked for a motion to recommend to the County Council approving the adoption of the Grand County Non-Motorized Trails Master Plan as an amendment by reference to the Grand County General Plan. Chris Baird stated he would make that motion, Dave Cozzens stated he wanted to make a motion to table. The Chair stated that they would have to consider Mr. Baird's motion since he was first.

The Chair asked if Mr. Baird would like to rescind his motion. Mr. Baird said he would be willing to amend the motion. Discussion ensued related to the concern that there are trails in the plan that have been historically used as shared non and motorized vehicles.

Mr. Baird rescinded his motion based on the discussion. Dave Cozzens moved to postpone action on this motion until the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Charley Every seconded.

The Chair asked for further discussion. Ed Bridges stated that this is a situation where the Commission needs more time to digest the information provided and agrees postponing action is warranted.

Charley Every stated that he would specifically like to more time to review the matrix.

With no more discussion the Chair called for the vote. Dave Cozzens, Charley Every, Chris Baird, Ed Bridges, and Marcus LaFrance voted in favor, Jean Binyon voted against the motion.

**Interview of the prospective members to the Commission** - The Chair asked that applicants adjourn to the lobby while the interviews are being conducted and will be called in one at a time. The further explained that each application will be given 3 minutes to make a statement and then it would be opened for questions by the Commission. The Commission will be given ballots there are only two positions open on the Commission; please vote for two, one or none at the discretion of the Commission Member. Staff will tally the ballots and the decision will be given at that time for recommendation to the Council for decision.

The applicants that were interviewed were; Charles Pipkin, Chris Baird, Kyle Kimmerle, and Dave Cozzens. Bill Love, Robert Kraft, and Steve Russell were not in attendance.

After the interviews, the planning commission was given a list of the applicants and asked to vote for two applicants, staff tallied the votes and the Commission will forward the results to the Council the following; two votes for current planning commissioner Dave Cozzens, two for Charles Pipkin, and one vote for current commissioner Chris Baird. The results of the vote will be forwarded to the Grand County Council for selection.

Chris Baird and Dave Cozzens recused themselves from the vote because both had applied for reappointment. The remaining four planning commission members each had the opportunity to vote for two applicants, but only five votes were cast.

**Status Report of the Land Use Code** - Staff reported that the Land Use Code amendment is on the next Council Agenda as a workshop item with the Council and Richard Grice, and then will be on as an action item in the evening.

Staff also reported that the following are items the office is working on

- A Waste Water facilities standards,
- Spanish Valley Transportation Plan, (Council Agenda February 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Non-motorized Trail Mix Plan, (Planning Commission Agenda February 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Affordable Housing Plan,
- BOA appeals in process, and
- Development of Code Enforcement procedures.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Marcus LaFrance, Chairman