

# Grand County Planning Commission Minutes

May 27, 2009

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

**Members Present:** Chair Jean Binyon, D.L. Taylor, Mike Duncan, Dave Stolfa, Kalen Jones and Dave Cozzens. Ed Bridges was absent.  
County liaison – Gene Ciarus.

**Others Present:** County staff Krissie Killoy, Mary Hofhine, and other concerned citizens.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM there was no one in the audience and all others know each other there was no need to make introductions.

The Chair requested that all cell phones be turned off.

The Chair asked the Commission if there were any conflicts of interest or ex parte communication that needed to be disclosed in regards to the agenda; there were none offered.

## **Discussion Item – Procedure for including the Affordable Housing Plan into the General Plan.**

Staff explained the purpose of the workshop is to distribute the draft of the Grand County and City of Moab Housing Study and Affordable Housing Plan to the Planning Commission. There are copies available on the City and County websites and hardcopies available at the City and County Planning Departments and the Library.

In 1996 the Utah legislature passed a law requiring all communities to adopt an affordable housing plan addressing both current and long term affordable housing needs.

Staff is working with the members of the Inter local Housing Task Force to schedule a date to make the presentation of the draft Affordable Housing Plan.

The Commission asked staff if the County and City plans will be identical. Staff explained that the plans are not required to be the same.

The Commission concluded that the Commission meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> would be the public hearing and the presentation by the task force.

**Discussion – Time line for initiating the General Plan Update** – Staff explained that General Plans are typically updated every five years due to the changing community conditions and new concepts in planning. The last update to the Grand County General Plan was April 6, 2004.

The Commission discussed;

- Budget and cost of the plan;
- Participation/involvement of staff, Commission and community;
- Scoping workshop/survey;
- Demographic updates;
- Inclusion of future land use maps.

The Chair asked for volunteers to work with staff on the process for the General Plan, Dave Stolfa and Kalen Jones volunteered to work with staff.

**Approval of Minutes** - The Commission accepted the May 13, minutes with minor corrections.

**Planning Department Updates** – Staff didn't have anything to report.

**County Council Update** – Gene Ciarus gave an update of the decisions of the Council at their last meeting. The scoping committee regarding the Air and Water Quality plans has been appointed by the Council and the Commission, these 6 people will get together to discuss and appoint the citizen at large members. The Community Development department has been requested to provide staff for these meetings.

With no other items on the Agenda the Chair called for adjournment.

Staff reminded the Commission that for the next few months the meetings will be held at the Grand Center due to the carpet installation going on in the Courthouse. The County offices are storing their files cabinets and other office equipment in the hall ways and reception area so the Courthouse is secured.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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Jean Binyon, Chair