

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lava Planning & Zoning Commission held Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

Present: George Linford, Chairman
Dave Sanders, Commission Member
Katie Smith, Commission Member
Fred Hinz, Commission Member
Curtis Waisath, Commission Member
Allison Hinz, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 p.m. by George Linford.

Approve Minutes – May 23, 2013

Fred Hinz made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2013 as written. Curtis Waisath seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Comprehensive Plan Draft – Review and make recommendations

George Linford asked if anyone had any recommendations. He stated that he read the Comprehensive Plan and he thought it was repetitive.

Katie Smith stated that she was conflicted when she was reading the plan. She was unsure on the low density vs. high density.

George Linford stated that he has heard concerns from citizens about traffic on Main Street near Shawn's Market. He suggested a four-way stop sign at that intersection from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Katie Smith stated that was addressed in the past and it was her understanding that people didn't want stop signs everywhere, but the traffic has increased since then.

George Linford stated that he is concerned about the pedestrians and referred to page 15 of the Comprehensive Plan where it refers to traffic issues. He also suggested outlining a couple of parking spaces at Shawn's Market in red to make it a no parking zone.

Katie Smith stated that when she is in her car, she cannot see oncoming traffic when she pulls up to the intersection.

Curtis Waisath stated that up the road, by the hotel, they have the same issue.

Katie Smith stated that there is a lot of traffic in the summer and when big trucks and RV's are parked there, it decreases visibility.

Curtis Waisath suggested a traffic light.

George Linford stated that he would rather see stop signs than a traffic light, but with a traffic light, you can have it on during the summer months and just have it flash yellow the rest of the time.

Katie Smith and Fred Hinz stated that they like the idea of a four-way stop.

Allison Hinz will forward the recommendation to City Council.

Fred Hinz brought up the urban transportation services that take people to Salt Lake City, Pocatello and Soda Springs. He suggested scheduling arrangements with the local transportation company to bring people into town for the day.

Dave Sanders stated that there is a bus that takes people to Pocatello.

George Linford stated that he thinks that only runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Curtis Waisath stated that that is the senior citizens bus.

George Linford asked about the assisted living center in town. He wanted to know if they changed their business license with the city. He thinks they are doing special needs now. They changed their sign so it does not say assisted living anymore.

Allison Hinz stated that they have not changed anything with the City.

Fred Hinz asked about how people get the lights turned on down at the City Park. He asked if there was a lock on the light switch.

Allison Hinz stated that there is not a lock on the lights at the park.

George Linford and Fred Hinz both stated that they have gone over to the park numerous times to turn the lights off when they have been left on.

Katie Smith asked when curfew was.

Allison Hinz stated that she thinks it is at 10:00 p.m.

Katie Smith suggested putting the lights on a timer.

George Linford asked who is over parks on City Council.

Allison Hinz stated that Rita Anderson is over parks. She also stated that the lights used to be locked.

George stated that someone broke the lock one time.

Fred Hinz stated that he is just wanted to make sure it was available for people to use. He suggested that a local group buy some basket balls, tennis rackets, tennis balls, volleyball set and horseshoes and make them available for people to use at the park (locals and tourists). The Lions Club used to have ice skates available for people to rent at Shawn's Market when they used to have the ice skating rink.

Allison Hinz stated that she will talk to Michael Vice of the Prosperity Foundation about it. She suggested asking Mountain Mayhem if they would be willing to handle the rentals since they have sporting goods already.

Fred Hinz suggested the arcade. He also suggested that the Chamber of Commerce survey the tourists periodically, and locals, to see what kinds of things they want to do in town.

Other Business

None.

Schedule Next Meeting – July 25, 2013.

Katie Smith stated that she will be on vacation next month.

Fred Hinz suggested changing the meeting since that is a holiday weekend for a lot of people.

Fred Hinz made a motion to reschedule the next meeting to July 18th, 2013. Dave Sanders seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous.

Adjournment

Fred Hinz made a motion to adjourn. Katie Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Allison Hinz – Secretary

George Linford - Chairman