

Applicant letter and pre-application meeting notes
Zone Change #943 – Medicine Crow Middle School – Barrett Road

Oct 2, 2015
Project No. 14008.02

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MEDICINE CROW MIDDLE SCHOOL
ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION**

INTRODUCTION

The attached Zone Change Application is being submitted on behalf of School District #2 for a proposed zone change from R7000 to Public for Medicine Crow Middle School at the intersection of Bench Blvd and Barrett Road in Billings Montana. An exhibit identifying the subject parcels is attached to this application for reference.

The following information is provided to satisfy the supplemental information requirements for the Zone Change Application.

In what way is the proposal consistent with the goals and policies of the adopted growth policy?

The proposed zone change request is consistent with the land use element goals and objectives of the current city growth goals. The proposed zone change will also encourage strong neighborhoods to develop within the proximity of the school and allow a near-by area for children to partake in outdoor activities and recreation.

Explain the need for the intended zone change and why the property cannot be used under the existing zoning. Explain how the new zoning will fit in with the existing zoning and land uses of the immediate area.

The need for the zone change is to allow for a new middle school for the residents and citizens of Billings Montana. The current zoning of the area is R7000. With the proposed change, the new middle school will service residents in the adjacent neighborhoods and beyond and the zoning will allow for this new education facility. This is congruent with current long term growth planning goals for the City.

Medicine Crow Middle School – Zone Change Neighborhood Meeting

September 28, 2015

5:30 PM

Bitterroot Elementary School – 1801 Bench Boulevard, Billings, MT 59105

Introductions:

Pat Davies – Sanderson Stewart

Scott Reiter – SD2

Overview by Pat Davies:

Purpose of meeting is to present information to the public in order to change the zoning of the east side of the school district property from R7000 to Public to make it consistent with the Public zoning for the remainder of the school district property. Annexation into the City of Billings is also in process.

The zone change is a 4-step process; a neighborhood meeting (this meeting), submittal of a zone change application, review by the Zoning Commission (November 3rd) and review by the City Council (November 23rd).

Questions:

- What is the purpose of the zone change?

To make the zoning of the east portion of the school district property consistent with the west half of the school district property which is already zoned Public. Public zoning is typical zoning for a public entity like the school district.

- Are there any negative impacts of the proposed zone change?

There are no anticipated negative impacts of the zoning change and the project should provide amenities to the neighborhood such as sports fields, trails and open space.

- When will Bench Boulevard be completed?

It is our understanding that the portion of Bench Boulevard along the school district property will be completed the summer of 2016.

- What is the next step?

The school district plans to submit a zone change application on October 5th and then it will go to the Zoning Commission on November 3rd and City Council on November 23rd.

