

CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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Board Attendance Roster: Please note: “E” stands for excused absence, “A” stands for un-excused absence, “1” stands for present. **BYLAWS, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF PLANNING, (Amended. May 25, 2004) Section 4. Absences and Removal A.** Each member shall inform the Planning Director at least one day before the meeting of his/her inability to attend a Board or Committee meeting. Such an absence shall be considered an excused absence. If any Board member accrues three (3) or more consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings, notice of which has been given at his/her usual place of work or residence, or by announcement at a meeting attended by him/her, the President may call such absences to the attention of the Board which may then recommend to the appointing authority that such member be asked to resign and that another person be appointed to serve out the unexpired term. Schedule: (** denotes a Wednesday meeting)

	Position	01/08/2019	01/22/2019	02/12/2019	02/26/2019	03/12/2019	03/26/2019	04/09/2019	04/23/2019	05/14/2019	** 05/29/2019	06/11/2019	06/25/2019	07/09/2019	07/23/2019	08/13/2019	08/27/2019	09/10/2019	09/29/2019	10/08/2019	10/22/2019	11/12/2019	11/26/2019	12/10/2019
Dave Goodridge	Mayor/Billings Ward I	E	1	1	1	E	E	E	E	E	-	-	E	-	E	1	-	E						
Matt Macrow	Mayor/Billings Ward II	1	1	1	1	1	E	1	E	1	-	-	1	-	E	E	-	1						
Eric Wallace	Mayor/Billings Ward III	1	1	1	E	E	E	1	1	1	-	-	E	-	1	1	-	1						
Darell Tunnickliff	Mayor/Billings Ward IV	1	1	1	E	1	1	E	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1						
Jon Thompson	Mayor/Billings Ward V	1	E	1	E	1	1	1	1	E	-	-	1	-	1	E	-	1						
Troy Boucher	YC District 1	1	E	E	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	E	-	E	A	-	1						
Dennis Cook	YC District 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	E	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1						
Vacant	YC District 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacant	YC District 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woody Woods	YC District 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1	-	-	E	-	1	1	-	1						
Vacant	YC District 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jarett Hillius	YC District 7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1	-	-	1	-	E	E	-	1						
Jerry Williams	Y County Cons. District	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	R	-	-	-	-	1						
Scott Reiter	Ex-Officio SD2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	-	A	-	A	A	-	1						

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September 10, 2019

DRAFT- To be approved by a motion on October 8, 2019

Call the Meeting to Order

President Tunnicliff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the Miller Building 1st Floor Conference Room, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

Introduction of Planning Board Members and Planning Department Staff

President Tunnicliff called for introductions of the members of the Planning Board and staff.

Attending Planning staff members: Wyeth Friday, Director, Planning & Community Services Department; Monica Plecker, Planning Division Manager; Planner II, Tammy Deines, Planning Clerk

In Attendance:

Approval of the August 13, 2019 Agenda – A motion was made by Board member Woods and seconded by Board member Hillius to approve the September 10, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2019. (The August 27, 2019 meeting was canceled). **A motion was made by Board member Woods and seconded by Board member Hillius to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

Public Comment: President Tunnicliff asked if there was anyone wishing to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting. He stated any member of the public might be heard on any subject that is not on the agenda; the Planning Board will not take any action on these items at this time, but could choose to add an item to the next meeting agenda for discussion. There were no public comments.

Disclosure of Outside (Ex Parte) Communication– Board Members and Planning Staff. The Ex Parte Communication Binder is available at the Sign-In and Agenda station. There were no declarations of ex parte communications or conflicts of interest.

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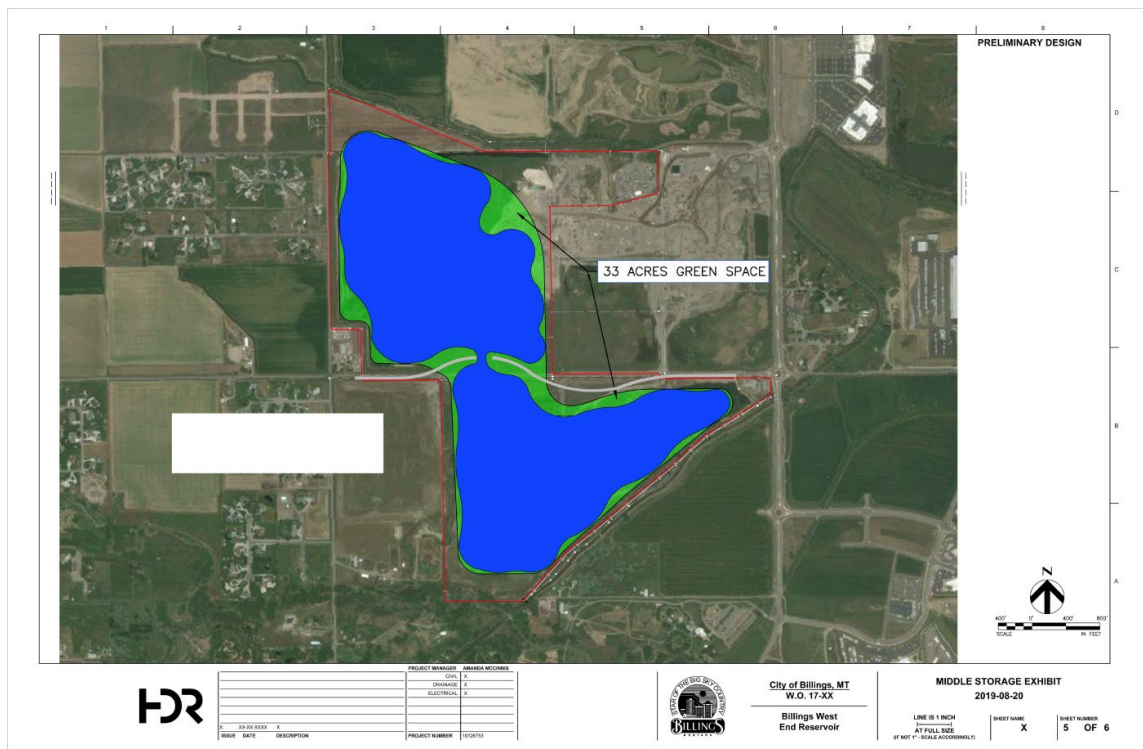
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7. OLD BUSINESS-There is no Old Business.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8a. City West End Reservoir & Water Treatment Plant Project. Dave Mumford, Director, City of Billings Public Works Department.

President Tunnick said he applauds staff for their coordination of this presentation. He thanked Director Mumford for attending this evening. Director Mumford gave a brief explanation of the need for a new water treatment system on the west end of Billings and pointed out the short window of time to address the City’s water supply if a similar situation takes place to the recent crude oil pipeline break in Laurel. Director Mumford presented the “City Lakes” video <https://youtu.be/HmI9xoYU34c> and explained the proposed site plan graphic below. The reservoir is targeted for completion in 2023, and in five years, the treatment plant will be on line and operational. Director Mumford said that the Public Works Department hired Land Design Inc. as part of the lead group to make this project something to be proud of in the next 100 years. He noted several of the proposed amenities including a science and recreational area outside the plant that is attached to the water. He stated this will be a very desirable area with the nearby Zoo Montana and Shiloh Conservation area.



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Discussion

President Tunnicliff called for questions and discussion. Board member Woods asked about the property owners north of Hesper. Dave Mumford commented on property owners potentially interested in developing in the City. He said the lake is proposed to be about four to five times larger than Lake Elmo. Board member Thompson asked about the reasoning for updating the roundabouts on Shiloh Road. Director Mumford explained that the work is related to minimizing the cost of ongoing maintenance of the plants. The new design will be easier to maintain and the plants will be drip irrigated.

8b. Presentation/Discussion. County Growth Policy Update. Monica Plecker, Planning Division Manager, presenting.

Ms. Plecker stated Yellowstone County last adopted a joint City-County Comprehensive Growth Policy in 2008. Since then, the City of Billings and Lockwood have adopted their own Growth Policies. This document will encompass the greater Billings area and surrounding rural town sites. She commented that the Division’s limited resources make this project challenging. Her observation is that the current political environment is not one which is looking for major changes and status quo is the expectation. Ms. Plecker stated public meetings were held August 26 and August 28 but were not well attended even though they were largely noticed. There will be additional opportunities for public input in the future.

Discussion

Board member Woods asked if the Commissioners are looking towards future development. Ms. Plecker said staff has had candid conversations but they seem to feel the level of services currently provided is good, and there is not a lot of desire to use the document as a launching pad for future opportunities. Board member Woods cautioned against repeating the mistakes of the past and commented on the experiences with development in the Lockwood community. Ms. Plecker said the greatest opportunity is a discussion that focuses on the greater Billings area. She pointed out that there have been good strides with the approval of the Suburban Standards for developments. She said the current zoning boundary itself and the conflicts with growth pressures will bring forward the most meaningful conversations for this document. President Tunnicliff asked if it would be helpful for the Planning Board to draft a recommendation. Ms. Plecker stated the County Growth Policy will come before this Board for a recommendation but it would be helpful to prepare a comprehensive and concise draft recommendation in anticipation of that meeting. Members commented on their desire to see progress with

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addressing the jurisdictional zoning boundaries. Ms. Plecker engaged the members of the Board in several exercises to get their input on development in the County.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Announcements and Invitations:

****The TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 Planning Board meeting is canceled due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting will be held as legally announced and advertised on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019, 6:00 PM.**

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 PM

DRAFT-TO BE APPROVED BY A MOTION ON OCTOBER 8, 2019

--Tamará L. Deinos, Planning Clerk