

Minutes of Meeting
Community Development Update
July 27, 2015
1:30 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners met to discuss Community Development updates. Chairman Stewart and Commissioner Eberlein were present. Also in attendance were Community Development Director David Callahan and Deputy Clerk Sandi Gilbertson. Commissioner Green joined the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

B. Changes to the Agenda: None

C. Old Business: There was no old business.

D. New Business:

1) Discussion of the shoreline proposal for the interim code.

Mr. Callahan said per the Board's request, Rand Wichman's site disturbance buffer zone version is in the interim code. He said he believes that item will be the only real issue of controversy in the interim code. Mr. Callahan spoke about his meeting with the Coeur d'Alene Lakeshore Property Owners Association on July 15. He said he talked about a middle ground approach allowing mechanical in the 25' foot buffer area, allowing vegetation, etc. which the audience seemed to agree with but ultimately they did not want any buffer zone in the code. Another group, Twin Lakes Improvement Association, voted to approve the 25' foot buffer with allowing improvements. Another group, Hayden Lake Watershed Association, would also like to keep the 25' foot buffer with allowing improvements.

Mr. Callahan said the Planning Commission met last Thursday evening and got through the first five chapters with the remaining chapters being discussed at the Planning Commission's workshop this coming Thursday. Since the site disturbance issue will come up at that meeting, Mr. Callahan thought it was timely to hear what the Commissioners current thinking might be. Mr. Callahan said his thoughts are the options would be 1) go forward with the way it is now in the interim code; 2) instruct staff to come up with a middle ground version; or 3) delete that section entirely and go with what the current code states.

Chairman Stewart said he would like to delete the 25' no disturbance buffer zone altogether.

Commissioner Eberlein said he would like Mr. Callahan and the Community Development staff to provide the Board with a middle ground approach. The main objective is to protect water quality and also that landowners have reasonable enjoyment of their lakeshore property. Commissioner Green was in agreement.

E. Public Comment:

Brent Regan commented on how the shoreline conditions vary drastically so one solution will not work everywhere. Terry Wall agreed with the 25' buffer but was concerned on how that would apply to boat ramps, docks, sidewalks and docks. Janet Robnett said the site disturbance buffer zone issue is not the only controversial item in the interim code. She questioned the process and that the August 27 public hearing was not enough time for the public to comment.

Mr. Callahan said besides the August 27 date, there are two back up dates in September – September 10 and September 17 if needed. He added that at the August 27 public hearing, any comments from the public will be accepted. Mr. Callahan said whatever time is necessary will be provided.

Jeff Tyler also spoke about the public wanting rules to be less restrictive.

There being no further discussion of agenda items or public comment, Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

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Deputy Clerk

David Stewart, Chairman