

Meeting of the City of Livingston Planning Board
October 20, 2021

Roll Call: Stacy Jovick, Mike Petry, Jim Barrett, Jonathan Hettinger, Taya Cromley, Torrey Lyons, Shannon Holmes, Jessi Wilcox

Approving last meeting's minutes

SJ - List Torrey Lyons as secretary. Taya second. Motion passes.

General Public Comment:

No comment.

PCEC Active Transportation Case Study Presentation by Annika Coleman, Stella Davis, Severn Sienkiewicz PCEC Interns

Started summer 2021 looking at case studies of active transportation in various cities in US.

Sand Point, ID - Walking town. Greenery in streets. Livingston recs-wayfinding, wider and better designed sidewalks, access to public land

Savannah, GA - Shade trees, waterfront like Livingston, prioritize active transportation, utilizes neighborhood planning.

Miles City, MT - Similar population and history. Safe routes to school program - Miles City active living task force. Pocket parks or community gardens. Trail connectivity. Prioritize sidewalk connectivity.

Recommendations for Livingston:

Good goals and docs are only the beginning.

Highlight the resources that we have.

Active public spaces.

Old Business:

Public Works Update: Holmes

Tri-Tip development started on their site, closed bitterroot trail and damaged it, building dept on top of that problem, appreciate the community's concern, Holmes built that trail, planted trees, there were no city dollars that went into the trail, FWP program grant, proud of trail and it will be put back into useable condition when the project is complete. As far as housing, good to see the project starting in October, hopefully, infrastructure can go in in the next month or two. Start building condos in the Nov Dec timeframe, we will work through the hiccup.

Working with green acres on sewer extension for 90+ homes in that development, three alt alignments, meeting with residents to keep them abreast of the progress on that project

A fair amount of inquiries on development projects, nothing has gone further than that as far as the request for annexations.

Loves truck stop denied

Heart K was bought by folks looking at a conservation situation there.

MP: Can the trail be used while they are developing?

SH: Active construction site, no firm easement before, but easement was put into plat. For everyone's safety, the trail must be closed until things are more wrapped up.

JW: Is the whole trail going to be closed?

SH: As long as people are safe, the rest of the trail can remain open. Although, there will be more disturbance to the trail.

JW: Who is responsible to maintain the landscaping around the trail?

SH: The developer is responsible to maintain. Only one code enforcement officer for every issue city-wide. Part of subdivision regulations is that they are required to provide info on how they plan to manage weeds on the property. Where we are challenged is enforcement once it is in place. We get calls all the time, while we are responsible to update and maintain infrastructure, we do not have the authority to enforce.

MP: Is there a requirement for signage for public notice?

SH: Had a preconstruction meeting and there was no mention of this disturbance of this trail. Were not aware of the potential impact on the trail. If we would have known, we would have required signage and notice.

Planning Update MM:

Active transportation plan out in the next couple of weeks. We will present to parks and trails and pb when it is ready. Hoping it is adopted early next year, less intensive of a process than growth policy.

Downtown plan with help from MSU architecture. Potentially presentation in December.

Housing action plan-HRDC. Expect to see the draft soon. Will be presented to PB before going to the commission. List of tools the city and county can use to encourage affordable housing.

Tiny homes approved for small offsite-built buildings in the city.

Updating definitions of manufacturing.

Increasing densities in R1 and R3, changing setbacks, and mixed-use zone intended to be the densest zone except for downtown.

Impact fees are 50% of what a single-family home would be.

Presentation to the commission for options on expanded planning boards.

JW: Is there anything in subdivision regs that requires replacing trees that are taken down?

MM: No tree requirements or protection clauses. Maybe need to justify removal but no replacement policy.

JW: Who's purview would this be?

MM: Planning board.

SH: Only trees in the right of way need a public process. Will be required to have sidewalks and hopefully some tree plantings when things are all finished. Alleys are utility corridors that are negatively affected by trees.

JW: Concerned about the impact on trees of infill.

MM: Tradeoff of density wrt green spaces and trees.

SJ: Can there be exceptions on setbacks to allow more green space. What is the character of Livingston? We don't want to lose character.

MM: Most of the city is R2 which requires 25' setbacks. Historically south side was higher density with no setbacks.

JW: Can the planning board make a recommendation to the commission about saving foliage.

MM: Better would be conservation board or tree board. There is some conflict with what the growth policy p says and having to build around existing trees. \$12k to \$6 for impact fees for adus.

JB: Is there a discussion about the purpose of the ADUs?

MM: No restriction by the city right now. Has been discussed but will need to come from the commission. On the radar.

Next meeting 17th of November, likely zoom platform.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM

Holmes motion to end the meeting, Jovick second. Motion passes.