

**JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF EMMETT / GEM COUNTY
SUMMARY MINUTES**

**December 21, 2009
City Hall
9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anita Hendrix, Maria Salazar, Troy Kochner, Rick Weekly, Travis Madsen and Debbie Rouwenhorst.

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH PRIOR NOTICE: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning Director Brad Hawkins-Clark.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Hendrix called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.
2. **Review of Agenda:** The Commission reviewed and approved the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2009 and November 16, 2009:** Commissioner Weekly made a **motion to approve** the minutes as written. It was seconded by Commissioner Salazar. **Motion carried.**
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **EOA Presentation – Housing for Seniors:** Pam Garrison and Krista Cole from the Elderly Opportunity Agency attended the meeting and presented the Commission with information regarding housing for low income seniors. Originally EOA was created to serve the rural communities and they currently serve all the way up to New Meadows. There are only two elderly housing projects in Emmett/Gem County and those are Autumn Court and Sunset Manor. Autumn Court currently has a waiting list of 20 people and Sunset Manor has a waiting list of 4-5 people.

The Commission discussed the different types of housing and how much they really appreciated having the presentation from the EOA and hopes to have more input from other agencies. Commissioner **Rouwenhorst** will add one sentence to the Housing Chapter (Ch.3) to reflect today's presentation.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. **Order of Comp Plan Chapters:** The Commission discussed the new order of chapters for the Comprehensive Plan and will make a final decision on the order at the next meeting.

Chapter 1- Implementation, Chapter 2 – Historic and Cultural Resources, Chapter 3 - Population and Growth, Chapter 4 - Economic Development, Chapter 5 - Education, Chapter 6 – Land Use, Chapter 7 - Natural Resources and Hazardous Areas, Chapter 8 - Community Design, Chapter 9 – Housing, Chapter 10 - Private Property Rights, Chapter 11 - Transportation, Chapter 12 - Public Facilities, Chapter 13 - Recreation and Open Spaces.

6. Items from Planning Director:

- a. Elected Official Public Hearing – January 19, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.:** Brad stated that the City Council and Board of County Commissioners will be holding their public hearing on January 19, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. on the five Comprehensive Plan Chapters that the Commission recommended to them.
- b. Idaho Working Lands Coalition Potential Presentation at Next Meeting:** Brad stated that there is a representative from the Idaho Working Lands Coalition who would like to come a meeting for a presentation. The Commission decided that the February meeting would be good to have that presentation.
- c. Republish Discussion:** Brad and the Commission discussed how often to republish Comprehensive Plan and the most cost effective ways to keep it updated.

7. Items from Planning Commission: Commissioner **Madsen** will have a draft of the Transportation Chapter (Ch. 10) for review at the next meeting. Commissioner **Weekly** will have a draft of the Public Facilities Chapter (Ch. 9) for review at the next meeting. Chairman **Hendrix** will have a draft of the Natural Resources Chapter (Ch. 6) for review at the next meeting

Commissioner **Rouwenhorst** suggested to the Commission that once they have the outstanding chapters finished, that they review the other chapters as a group before they send them to outside sub-committees. They can jointly come up with a strategy before anyone else looks into the chapters. Commissioner **Weekly** suggested that the same process be used if someone from the public wanted to amend the Comprehensive Plan and even for the Commission's yearly reviews of the chapters. The Commission agreed with the suggestion.

Commissioner **Weekly** suggested to Brad and the Commission that they meet with the School Board regarding the new Superintendent and review the policies in the Comprehensive Plan and see how they can assist the School Board. Chairman **Hendrix** will invite some members of the School Board and the current Superintendent to attend the meeting in January.

8. Upcoming Meetings: Next meeting is January 25, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

9. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner **Salazar** and
Seconded by Commissioner **Weekly**. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

Chairman Anita Hendrix

Clerk Marge Lawrence