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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
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The Board of Trustees of the Town of Berthoud met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, in the Board Room at Town Hall. Mayor Karspeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Milan Karspeck
Mayor Pro-Tem Don Ashcraft
Trustee Louis Gervasi
Trustee Peder Thorstensen
Trustee Glen Buckingham
Trustee Michael Patrick
Trustee Chase Sommars

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Jim White
Staff Engineer Stephanie Brothers
Police Chief Glenn Johnson
Deputy Town Clerk Charlene Reed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Karspeck led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

David Mineo addressed the Board representing the Berthoud Arts and Humanities Alliance regarding a request received by another non-profit for waiver of fees. He felt that if one group receives a waiver of fees, then all groups should receive the same waiver. He did not feel that the Town is in the position to waive fees for all the non-profit groups in Berthoud.

Mr. Mineo announced that BAHA will be purchasing the "Walrus" statue which is in Fickel Park.

Mr. Mineo expressed concern that without growth, the businesses in Berthoud will have a problem surviving in the years ahead. He encouraged the Board to find new ways to bring growth to the Town and suggested the possibility of giving incentives to the builders who have projects approved in Berthoud. He noted that while the economy is tough, there is growth in the surrounding areas.

REPORTS

Trustee Buckingham announced that there is a Historic Preservation Commission scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2007 in the Board Room at Town Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft reported on the Berthoud Economic Development Committee meeting at the Berthoud Bed and Breakfast. This is a very positive group and they are looking for ways to encourage growth in Berthoud with a goal of attracting jobs and businesses to Berthoud and finding ways to retain the businesses we have. The group plans to sell bottled water to raise funds to give them resources for activities.

Administrator White explained that Deep Rock has a program to help communities and will put a label specific to Berthoud on the bottles. These bottles of water will be sold and the profits will go to the Berthoud Economic Development Committee to give them a financial resource for future activities. The water will first be sold at Berthoud Days.

Trustee Sommars noted he will be attending the CML annual outreach meeting in Loveland with Jim White on Thursday, May 24, 2007 from 12:00 to 2:00.

Trustee Thorstensen arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Administrator White reported on the clean-up day that was held on May 19, 2007. The event was well attended and much appreciated by our residents. He thanked the staff members that attended and assisted with this project.

Administrator White noted he distributed the 2007 Action Plan Update in draft form for the Board to review.

Administrator White noted we received a request from the Planning and Zoning Commission to provide input regarding several areas that are being considered as an expansion to our GMA. Mayor Karspeck suggested this be considered at the end of the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft felt there should be discussion prior to the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2007, the financial statement from April 2007, and the bills allowed for May, 2007.

Trustee Sommars moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft. The motion passed unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE RE STORM WATER

Staff Engineer Brothers explained that as a part of our permit requirements, the Town needs to implement a Stormwater Management Program. As a part of this program, a Stormwater Discharge ordinance is required.

Trustee Buckingham moved to set the public hearing for approval of the Stormwater Discharge Ordinance for June 12, 2007. Second by Trustee Sommars. The motion passed unanimously.

STREET EVENT REQUEST

Chief of Police Johnson asked Scott Banzhaf to provide the Board with information regarding this request, since he has been involved in the planning of this event.

Mr. Banzhaf explained that this is a recurring event that is being planned for the Downtown area. It is anticipated that this will have financial benefits, by bringing visitors and participants to our downtown area. This will be held every Saturday night, will be a family event, and it is anticipated that it will be very beneficial to the businesses of Berthoud. He noted the group is working with the Berthoud Police Department to make sure that this is a safe event that will bring pleasure to the residents of Berthoud.

Chief Johnson noted he attended an event held by this group at the Orchard Shopping Center in Loveland. This is a well organized group and the event brought significant activity for the businesses in the center. The group wants to bring their vehicles to Berthoud and allow everyone to enjoy them. After considering several locations, it is felt that the safest area to hold the event would be on 3rd Street. The parking lot that is used for Farmers Market would be ideal for this event and he recommended that 3rd Street be closed from the Post Office to Mountain Avenue. As the event grows, it would also be possible to utilize 3rd Street north, adjacent to the park area next to the railroad track. He noted there is the potential for a benefit to the businesses in Berthoud and he felt this will be a good event for the Town.

Trustee Sommars asked if there will be a noise issue in the area. Chief Johnson noted that will be addressed before the event begins, but in Loveland this group was very responsible in the handling of their vehicles.

Trustee Patrick noted he has been to this type event and there are several different types of individuals that participate. There are guys that build classic cars and guys that build street racers. Some make noise and some go fast. He noted if you are dealing with one car club, you can establish guidelines, but with this group, you are dealing with an unstructured group. He agreed there is the potential for an economic benefit, but with only one officer on duty, will we need to be sure that we have controls in place so that no one gets hurt.

Chief Johnson noted there is a single spokesperson that coordinates this event, and they are being advised that there will be no lawbreaking. The majority of the participants are responsible older individuals who will work to make this a good event.

Trustee Sommars noted he has worked with this group in the past, and they police themselves and do not allow their members to be reckless.

Trustee Thorstensen noted with 100-300 participants, you could see a huge increase in the number of people in the Town and he felt this could be coordinated with other events in Berthoud during the summer.

Trustee Patrick noted he supports this event, but wants to make sure we consider all the possibilities to make sure this is well handled. There are events of this type in Denver that create problems every time they are held. He felt it might be beneficial to have an additional officer on duty for traffic control.

Trustee Gervasi asked if the Town leases the parking lot from the railroad and he recommended that we make sure we are covered for any problems under our liability insurance policy.

Trustee Gervasi moved to allow one block of 3rd Street south of Mountain Avenue to be closed to vehicle traffic from 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays; allow the public parking lot at the southeast corner of Mountain Avenue and 3rd Street to be closed to vehicle traffic from 2:00 pm until 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays; allow the east side of the roadway of 3rd Street for a distance of one block north of Mountain Avenue to be closed to vehicle traffic from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays and the vehicles will be cordoned off to the East side of 3rd Street to protect pedestrians and vehicles; and allow the display of vintage automobiles specialty vehicles and “muscle cars” in those closed area during this period of time. Second by Trustee Patrick. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR STRAW VOTE

Administrator White noted the Planning and Zoning Commission continues to work on the Comp Plan Update and they are asking for input regarding whether to include four areas in our GMA. The first area to consider is the area in the northeast corner. There is a gap between the GMA and the county line.

The second area is the corridor that runs along Highway 56 to I-25. During prior discussions, the Mayor suggested that extending our GMA in this area would give the Town some control over what is done in the area and provide a gateway to the Town.

The third area is to the south and would extend to the Little Thompson River. It is being suggested that the river would be a natural boundary.

The fourth area is the western boundary at Highway 56 and County Road 19. There is a property in that area that has asked to be included in the GMA for Berthoud.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft was in favor of adding the areas discussed. He felt the most critical area is the area along Highway 56 to I-25. The Town needs to have control over what is done in the area.

Trustee Sommars noted he supports the recommendations of the CAC. He suggested these five areas can be controlled differently and he did not foresee a need for us to grow outside our GMA.

Trustee Patrick was in favor of all areas except the area on the west. He did not see a reason to expand the GMA to the west.

Trustee Thorstensen was in favor of all areas except the area on the west.

Trustee Gervasi agreed that there is no need to extend the GMA beyond what was recommended by the CAC. He noted with further information, he might consider supporting the extension along Highway 56 to I-25.

Trustee Buckingham thanked the CAC for their efforts and he spoke in support of the red line area. He agreed that there are areas that the Board will need to discuss after locking down the GMA.

Mayor Karspeck supported including all the areas under discussion. Including these areas will give the Town control regarding what develops.

Board members agreed to a vote, but noted when these areas are discussed at future meetings, there is the potential that these votes may change.

Board members took a poll regarding whether to extend the northeast boundary to County Road 1 and north to Highway 60. Mayor Karspeck, Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft and Trustees Patrick and Thorstensen were in favor of the extension. Trustees Buckingham, Gervasi and Sommars were not.

Board members took a poll regarding whether to include the north side of Highway 56 indicated on the map by a green box. Mayor Karspeck, Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft and Trustees Patrick and Thorstensen were in favor of the extension. Trustees Buckingham, Gervasi and Sommars were not.

Board members took a poll regarding whether to extend our GMA along Highway 56 to I-25. Mayor Karspeck, Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft and Trustees Patrick and Thorstensen were in favor of the extension. Trustees Buckingham, Gervasi and Sommars were not.

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Board members took a poll regarding whether to include the area along the southern boundary to the Little Thompson River. Mayor Karspeck, Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft and Trustees Patrick and Thorstensen were in favor of the extension. Trustees Buckingham, Gervasi and Sommars were not.

Board members took a poll regarding whether to include the area to the west of County Road 19. Mayor Karspeck, Mayor Pro-Tem Ashcraft and Trustee Thorstensen were in favor of the extension. Trustees Buckingham, Gervasi, Patrick and Sommers were not.

Trustee Patrick noted that there is the potential for these votes to change with better information regarding each of these areas. He encouraged staff to provide information on the problem areas as soon as possible to allow the Board to have time to consider the requested areas with more adequate and accurate information.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Milan Karspeck

Deputy Clerk Charlene Reed