

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONER SPECIAL WORK MEETING
December 17, 2008
Fremont County Annex Building

Attended by: Commissioners Paul Romrell, Skip Hurt, and Don Trupp.

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Commissioner Elect LeRoy Miller,

Commissioner Romrell called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Romrell stated that this was one of the most rewarding public meeting he can remember.

Brief overview was given on testimony.

Discussion was held regarding different issues that arose in the hearing to update the Fremont County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioners Hurt and Trupp agreed.

Clarification was made by Planning & Zoning Administrator Kurt Hibbert on the policy of making changes to this document. Mr. Hibbert stated that in Idaho Code that material changes need to have a new public hearing. He stated that the changes proposed today are not of that nature. He recommends that the commissioners can make changes that are technical in nature. He feels that these can be made today.

Commissioners questioned if Planner Josh Chase had any issues with the proposed changes. He stated he does not have any concerns. He stated that clarification from the applicant (DePatco) needed to be made that they wanted to include one lot of land that they own, to expand the commercial/industrial area. Mr. Hibbert will put that on the map according to land ownership. No adverse comment was heard in the public hearing. Commissioner Romrell questioned John Nedrow if Planning & Zoning would have any issues with making this change. He stated that he did not.

Commissioners reviewed Mr. Atchley's proposed change to one word to the document on pg 5. Commissioners agreed to the change.

Commissioners reviewed Mr. Schmidt's submitted letter. Discussion was held. Mr. Hibbert stated that he feels the role of Fish and Game is not regulatory. This should be addressed in the development code. Commissioners agreed to leave the recommendation out of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Romrell would like to see that what has been presented at the Planning & Zoning level would be the ending point of public comment. He stated that we cannot do that because it is important for the public to have opportunity to give comment.

Discussion was held regarding the request for a smaller impact area in Island Park. Mr. Chase stated they have a much larger area of impact than any of the other cities in Fremont County. Commissioner Romrell suggested meeting with the City of Island Park regarding this request. Mr. Hibbert stated that the second issue was the commercial use area at the Yale-Kilgore road in the

Shotgun area. There is a large amount of private property in this area. Discussion was held. Mr. Chase clarified the commercial areas in this region. This can be tabled to Planning & Zoning in the development code phase.

The changes suggested from the Greater Yellowstone Coalition were reviewed and discussion was held. Discussion was held regarding geothermal resources verbage.

Commissioners directed the staff to review the technical comments presented by Mrs. Keller.

Commissioner Hurt stated he agreed with the comment made by Bob Reiley pertaining to Policy 3, paragraph 3 to strike should and add will. Discussion was held. Commissioners stated they would like to have the Comprehensive Plan reviewed annually.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the comp plan as presented to us today by Resolution #2009-04 with the following modifications. The commercial property zone change as indicated in the hearing on the land use map, correct language on pg 5 on growth and development, add the definitions, clarify geothermal statement, and add will to review of the plan every 6 months. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to authorize Commissioner Romrell to sign a letter to accompany the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was heard with all voting in favor.

There being no further business to come before the board meeting was adjourned.

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk