

# CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## Special Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2009

**Meeting Called to Order by Vice-President:** Ray Trumpower

**Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Lee Pourroy, Beth Redlin, Melissa Boyer, Bob Evans, LeeRoy Reidle, Jim Duffey, and Ray Trumpower. **Board Members Absent:** Cal Oraw, Lonnie Price, David Seitz, Bill Linder, Tony Barone, and Matt Schriver. **Staff Present:** City/County Planner Marcy Hamburg, Sidney Public Works Director Terry Meldahl, and Richland County Public Works Director Russ Huotari.

Ray asked each board member to introduce themselves to guest speaker.

**Audience Introductions:** Ray Mengel from the Montana Department of Transportation (MT DOT). **Presentation from MT DOT:** Ray M. shared information with the board relating to the upcoming MT DOT projects that would be initiated due to Federal stimulus funds that the State has received: the road near Richey, reconstruction of two bridges, new deck on part of I94, and to complete the paving of the State Highway in Carter County. This opens the door for more projects to be completed utilizing State funds. Sidney's future project includes overlay of Central Ave, starting date is yet to be determined as the State is waiting for City Council's decision on 3-lane verse 4-lane. Ray stated the next MT DOT meeting in reference to the Truck Route will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 17 in the Library basement meeting room. He answered several questions provided by Planning board members, Russ, Terry, and Marcy. Questions included: update on Teddy Roosevelt Expressway, traffic signal lights at Holly & Central, Central & 7<sup>th</sup>, walking/bike path safety issue, Sidney Truck Route, and Credit Union delay in permit. Ray asked the Board to notify the MT DOT if any further future projects planned along the State Highways, to notify them immediately to help speed their review process up. Russ asked what the City and/or County would need to do in order to get a study done at the corner of Fairground entrance and Miller's Corner; a request from the local governing body. Ray provided Marcy with a copy of the Four-Lane to Three –Land Conversion Study document to be forwarded to all Planning Board members.

**Next Regular Scheduled Planning Board Meetings:** Marcy drew the board attention to the next upcoming board meetings. **Tuesday, June 2, 2009** meeting was canceled due to lack of board action items. **Tuesday, July 7, 2009** at 7:00 p.m. at the USDA-ARS meeting room; this meeting is to be held in accordance with **MCA 76-1-301(1)**. "The board shall fix the time for holding regular meetings, but it shall meet at least once in the months of January, April, July, and October."

**Meeting was adjourned.**

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President, Cal Oraw

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Date