



# CAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting # 1

November 29, 2006

## Agenda

- Introductions
- Brief presentation on comprehensive plans and the planning process
- Discussion of "Key Issues" for the plan to address

### Materials Mailed Before Meeting

Project Timeline

### Materials Distributed at Meeting

CAC Binders  
CAC Roles and Responsibilities  
Photo Exercise description  
Disposable camera

## Attendance

### **CAC Members**

Tommy Ambrose , Jay Christensen, Arlene Christman, Bill Davidson, Stephanie Gill, Kay Merriam, Shawn Mulholland, Dexter Pitman, Lynn Stewart, Marla Vik.

### **Staff**

Steve Ernst (County Planner), Ben Herman (Clarion), Lesli Ellis (Clarion), Amy Kacala (Clarion).

### **Other**

Larry Ghan (County Commissioner)

## Meeting Summary

### Introductions and Overview

Ben Herman welcomed the committee and thanked them for their willingness to assist with the planning process. After having each CAC and staff member introduce themselves, he began a short PowerPoint presentation providing some background information on comprehensive plans and the process for this effort under the following headings:

- Introduction to Comprehensive Plans
- The Planning Process
- Key Issues for the Plan to Address

The PowerPoint is attached.

## **Introduction to Comprehensive Plans**

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### ***Key Points of the Presentation***

- Comprehensive plans guide growth and development in a community and typically look at a 20-30 year time span.
- These plans address a variety of aspects of a community including: land use patterns, natural resources, infrastructure, transportation, housing and neighborhoods, and community character and heritage.
- The plan will consist of four basic parts: a vision statement, goals and policies, a future land use plan map, and implementation strategies.
- The County's plan will address all areas within the County not within an incorporated town/city or the Fort Hall reservation. This includes the Area of City Impact (ACI) areas designated around cities.

## **Overview of the Planning Process**

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### ***Key Points of the Presentation***

- The planning process will consist of three phases:
  1. Inventory
    - Current conditions and trends
    - Plans and policies
    - "Key issues" for the Plan to address
  2. Envision
    - Vision, goals, and policies
    - Land use plan
  3. Implement
    - Draft Plan document
    - Implementation strategies
- The process will involve broad participation including: elected and appointed officials, city and county staff, state and federal agencies, residents and business owners, and service and utility providers.
- The process will include a variety of opportunities for public involvement including: elected and appointed official briefings, public workshops, CAC meetings, Technical Advisory Committee meetings, and the project website ([www.bannockplan.org](http://www.bannockplan.org)).

### ***Discussion***

Are there any other ways or venues to get the word out, gather input, and ensure diverse participation?

- The County Fair (August - Downey Fair Grounds)
- McCammon Rodeo (July)
- High School sporting events (e.g. basketball game at Marsh Valley HS)
- Coordinate with senior classes in government to incorporate this into their curriculum
- 4-H groups (Downey, McCammon, Lava Hot Springs)
- Articles in the Journal, especially prior to big public workshops
- Smaller "sit-downs" in a more relaxed drop-in format at various locations across the County
- Lava Senior Center



Any other comments on the participation process?

- Important to make sure the plan includes and represents the interests of the southern portions of the County as well as the north.

## **Key Issues for the Plan to Address**

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### ***Key Points of the Presentation***

Preliminary Key Issues for the plan to address include:

#### Growth and Development

- Housing Becoming Less Affordable
- Clear Annexation Agreements Needed with Cities

#### Agriculture

- Land Use and Environmental Conflicts of Cattle/Dairy Operations
- Continued Drought Impacts
- Agriculture Protection

#### Water and Energy

- Alternative Energy Options
- Health and Sustainability of Aquifer
- Agricultural Runoff Polluting Surface Water

#### Environmental Quality

- Contamination from Mining and Processing Activities
- Forest Fires and Air Quality

### ***Discussion***

What other issues do you think are important for the plan to address?

#### Growth and Development

- Impacts of sprawl on open space; large number of undeveloped/platted lots
- Costs of services for rural development to urban residents
- Ensuring new development pays for its services (impact fees)
- Balancing property rights with protection goals (smart growth)
- Very diverse county – north to south

### Agriculture

- Resolving suburban-agriculture interface issues
- Tools, such as Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs,) to protect agriculture lands

### Water and Energy

- Aquifer protection
- Siting future power plants, transmission lines, and major facilities
- Air and water quality

### Economy

- Need to foster economic diversity and vitality

### Community Character and Image

- Protecting the unique features of our community (e.g., lava cliffs, wildlife)
- Protecting our quality of life as development occurs
- Bannock County is unknown to non-residents/people outside County – work on image and positioning of County

## **Wrap-Up and Next Steps**

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The project team will work over the next month to compile and summarize information on existing conditions and the feedback on “key issues” for the next CAC meeting in January, 2007. Staff will mail materials to the CAC for their review prior to the meeting with a date/time announcement and directions to the next meeting location.