

**Big Sky Chamber of Commerce
Growth and Development Solution Group
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**Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2004
Ophir School Fund, 6 p.m.**

1. The meeting was called to order by chair Jon Holtzman at 6 p.m. Members in attendance: Katie Alvin, Kathy Bouchard, Kevin Germain, Debbie Hinkley, Jan Jirout, Michael Ketschek, and Mike Oshier. Other committee members include: Peggy Bert, Pete Bolane, Charlie Callander, Jim Dolan, Ernie Hall, Taylor Middleton and Lloyd Rixe. Guests attending: Marne Hayes and Dave O'Connor.
2. The minutes for October 25, 2004 were approved as written.
3. The elephant in the room, scheduled for discussion, was a concern on the part of several members that the activities of the solution groups might come to nothing because “the powers that be” would ignore or not act on any recommendations eventually made. This was discussed at some length. The consensus was that we should not give up on perhaps the best and only opportunity existing to input the planning process.
4. The group reviewed the remaining issues not included in the top eight and decided they were duplicates or covered in the list of “consensus concerns”. The vision/mission/goal statement was reviewed. The group rated each of the list of 31 values relating to Big Sky on a scale of 1 to 10. Jon will order the list in terms of group preferences and restate it as Values in the vision/mission/values paper and circulate it for group reaction and approval.
5. Progress reports on assignments: Katie Alvin reported on meetings held with the senior planner in the Gallatin County Planning Department. The planner was personally interested in establishing a county service office in Big Sky. The idea of having inspectors on site and even performing services such as renewing driver’s licenses was discussed. Katie was provided a number of documents from the planning office, including a master plan and meeting times for various committees.

Kevin Germain has met with the Madison County Planning Council and will report on the meeting at the next group session. Mike Ketschek provided a web printout of the Whistler, BC municipal plan.

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The group discussed and agreed on issuing an invitation to the Gallatin County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to attend a January meeting. They also decided to ask the Governance and Infrastructure Solution Group to participate in a joint session.

6. **Dave O'Connor reported on the activities of other solution groups. The group suggested that the Chamber publicize the activities of the individual groups to give the community feedback on progress. Dave committed to drafting an article and circulating it for comment.**

Dave also reported arranging a meeting with the Montana Department of Transportation and invited members of the group to attend. Kevin and Jon planned to participate and report back at the next meeting.

7. **Efforts to begin planning for the next steps in addressing action plans were delayed until the next meeting.**
8. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

The next meeting will be December 13, 2004 at the Ophir School Library.