

**Big Sky Chamber of Commerce
Growth and Development Solution Group
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**Minutes
Monday, December 13, 2004
Ophir School, 6 p.m.**

1. The meeting was called to order by chair Jon Holtzman at 6 p.m. Members in attendance: Katie Alvin, Pete Bolane, Kathy Bouchard, Kevin Germain, Debbie Hinkley and Jan Jirout. Other committee members include Peggy Bert, Jim Dolan, Ernie Hall, Taylor Middleton, Mike Oshier and Lloyd Rixe. Guests attending: Mary Jane McGarity and Jack Eakman.
2. The minutes for November 8, 2004 were approved as submitted.
3. Kevin Germain reviewed the meeting with Montana DOT between Kevin, Dave O'Connor and Jon Holtzman. Dave will be completing a written synopsis. DOT suggested that while improvements to S.R. 191 will continue significant changes are not envisioned. Some changes to come include turning lanes and a wider road leading into the Spur Road turnoff to alert drivers that they are coming to a settled area. DOT officials noted that it was simply a matter of time before the flashing light at the Spur Road intersection becomes a stoplight. They said there is a permanent traffic counter at the Jack Smith Bridge and data is available to the community. They suggested that primary accident involvement in the canyon was tourist traffic, not long haul trucking.
4. The group spent the majority of time on revising the vision /values /mission/priorities statement. A revised statement will be e-mailed to committee members and placed on the agenda for approval at the January 10 meeting.
5. The group discussed a planned joint meeting (Infrastructure and Governance and Growth and Development) with a Gallatin County Commissioner and county planning representatives. Mary Jane McGarity will contact the Commissioners' Office to request participation. The request will be for a meeting the fourth Tuesday of January. Sheriff Jim Cashell will also be invited. The group will consider questions for the meeting at the January 10 meeting.
6. Chair Holtzman noted that the next meeting would focus on action planning for the priority list.

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7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 10, 2005 at the Ophir School Library.