

- I have a forty-year history in the area and of course have seen enormous change. But people who have only been here for a year are also seeing rapid change. Will this still be a place we like forty years from now?

6. **Review of issues identified in earlier meetings:**

Discussion of this issue was delayed until the next scheduled meeting, October 11.

7. **Committee operating needs:**

Chair Holtzman noted that there was a need for a minutes keeper and a meeting facilitator. He called for volunteers. The issue will be on the next agenda.

8. **Is everyone here who should be here?**

Chair Holtzman recalled the community divisions which occurred during the recent attempt at gaining a vote on incorporation and asked if there were others who should be invited to participate in the committee.

There were several suggestions: the real estate community should be represented; the Town Center should be represented; the development community should be represented; several individuals with specific skills were mentioned.

Committee members were empowered to invite guests to the next meeting to fill in the gaps.

9. **Future meeting schedule:**

The group decided to meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Ophir School. The next meeting will be October 11. Due to the upcoming holiday season meetings may be adjusted, but changes will always be announced in advance.

10. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

4. Steering Committee expectations of the group:

Dave O'Connor, chair of the Steering Committee, explained that the committee was composed of members of the Chamber's board and the chairs of each of four committees.

He said that each group was expected to propose an action plan and give its recommendation on how to proceed in implementing the plan. Action plans should be as specific as possible.

He said that from the Steering Committee's perspective they intended to describe the process in generalities to avoid fencing in the committees but that they intended to publicize what was going on to encourage broad participation.

5. Individual introductions and expectations:

Members of the committee ranged from residents who had been coming to the area since the 1960s, to those who have owned property in Big Sky since 1975, to people who had been here a year. Backgrounds included: soil science; environmental science; strategic planning; communication; small business; college administration; trauma nurse; geo-hydrology and civil engineering; artist; and resort management.

Selected sample of comments:

- I moved here to take a break and it turned out to be a place that grabbed you. I want to let the area guide the development.
- I'm concerned about the impact of growth and development, the potential for traffic problems. I hope we can steer the community in the right path.
- I'm concerned about killing the goose by chasing the big money.
- I see too much outside experience and attitude coming to Big Sky and trying to forcibly overlay those experiences and attitudes on the Montana culture that attracted us here in the first place.
- I hope the committee can look at what this place should look like in 5/10/20 years.
- I'm committed to raising my family here. In just the past year Big Sky has exploded. Who's in charge? Who controls it?
- I went to school in Billings. In the short time I've been here I've seen growth accelerate. I'm curious about where it is going.
- We're at a turning point. We have lessons from Telluride, Aspen etc. and it would be a shame if we didn't learn from them.

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**Minutes
Monday, September 27, 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, Jill Bough, Kathy Bouchard, Kevin Germain, Debbie Hinkley, Michael Ketschek, Taylor Middleton, Mike Oshier, Suzy Samardich and Lloyd Rixe. Others attending: Dave O'Connor, Jack Eakman. Other committee members include: Peggy Bert, Pete Bolane, Charlie Callander, Jim Dolan and Jan Jirout.**

- 2. Ground rules for the meetings include:**
 - Every meeting will have an agenda prepared in advance.
 - Minutes will be prepared, will state the time for the next meeting, will highlight any special assignments and will be delivered via e-mail.
 - Our intended conduct is to be civil and to respect each other.
 - We expect to have our ideas listened to and will listen to those of others.
 - The meeting will begin and end at the announced times.
 - The meetings are open to the public.
 - The chair will keep the meeting focussed on agenda items.
 - We'll be guided by Roberts Rules of Order.
 - People are free to move around and leave the room when needed.

- 3. Structure of the process:**

Jack Eakman, consultant to the Chamber, explained the process to be one that develops a statement of the issue(s) then develops an action plan to resolve the statement of the issue.

He noted that two years ago Big Sky was considered to be 20% built out. He asked, "what is the ideal state of development? Keep on developing? Pull up the ladder?"

The purpose of the project is to assess and diagnose the current state of development in Big Sky and project where it will be in 10,20 and 30 years. And consider the questions: How can we get there from here? How can the community have a say?