

**Planning Commission Meeting
Feb 3rd, 2011 7:00 pm**

Attendees: Ray Kiewit, Susan Keachie, Joni Brooks and Max Taubert.

Members of the Public: Greg Weiss

Joni made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Ray 2nd and all were in favor.

Updates: Ray had no updates.

Greg Weiss updated the Commission on the status of his proposed kayak based business. The new business will be called **Lost Creek Adventures**. He plans on having approximately 12 kayaks and a few stand-up paddle boards for rent. He will do kayak tours and individual rentals and also have some retail available for sale. He will use carts to transport boats to the west side of Siskiwit Bay Marina for launching or use a trailer to transport boats to tour launch sites such as Meyer's Beach or the Bark Bay Slough. Greg has reached an agreement with Max Taubert to locate the business at the east side of the former South Shore Motel site. The zoning at this location is Commercial and this type of business is permitted by zoning regulations in a Commercial Zone. No action is called for by the Planning Commission. There was some discussion about Greg informing customers and being mindful of private beaches and property owner rights. Both Joni and Ray had done some research and talked to people involved with other kayak business locations and launch sites and few problems were reported. The Plan Commission would like to extend a welcome and best of luck to Greg and his new venture.

Discussion then turned to forming the Economic Development Committee outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. Joni suggested that this should be called an Economic Sustainability Committee. All Commissioners present supported this change in name.

The following talents and experience were identified by the Commission as those that would be useful for members of this Committee:

- Data collection and analysis
- Grant writing
- Economic Development
- City Planning
- Agricultural development
- Civil engineering
- Telecommunications
- Cornucopia Business Assoc. member

Discussion of Max's suggestion to do some preliminary work on the Business Park site resulted in planning the May meeting of the Plan Commission on site at the proposed Business Park to review and discuss options for use. Max pointed out that the Park is a Land Use issue along with Economic Sustainability and that we should try to come up with a preliminary plan or lay out for the Business Park. The Agenda for the next meeting will include discussion of a presentation to the May 21st Town Meeting regarding forming the Economic Sustainability Committee and beginning discussion and planning for the Class Action Rezone that was outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

Joni made a motion to adjourn and Max 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 7th at 7 pm at the Community Center.