

MINUTES
RIGBY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
April 28, 2005
7:00 PM

Members present: Acting Chairman Kelly McKamey, Bill Millet, Karen Durst, Travis Poole and Gerd Zimmermann. Also present was Planning and Zoning Secretary Linda Radford, Councilman Charlie Taylor, and Kurt Hibbert. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Kelly McKamey asked the commission to elect a permanent chairman. Gerd Zimmermann moved to nominate Kelly McKamey as chairman. Karen Durst seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

The commission worked on the comprehensive plan. The agenda for the night was working on Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats to the City of Rigby.

Recreation Strengths:

Within the city itself or adjacent to include Jefferson Lake and the walking path around it, the Riot Zone, the city's Recreation Center, the rodeo grounds and the walking path around it, the museum, the senior citizens center, the rock wall, the skate board park, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, soccer fields, track at Harwood School, and the picnic areas in the parks. Near the city includes several golf courses, the airport, fishing and boating, hunting and camping trails.

Recreation Weaknesses:

The bike path is too short, doesn't really lead anywhere, and is not convenient, the Recreation Center may be too small to accommodate future needs, there are no motorized trails and no place for sledding in the winter.

Recreation Opportunities:

Improvements and upgrades to Rigby Lake, a water park, more golf courses, white water park using the canals, trails along the canals, a shooting range, more parks, trees, and green spaces, volleyball, more shelters in the parks and sledding at Rigby Lake in the winter.

Recreation Threats:

Uncontrolled and unplanned growth in and around the city, lack of funding, land that may not be available in the future to use for open space, parks & recreation.

Public Facilities Strengths:

Many medical facilities in the city, low bond indebtedness, fiber optic lines run close to the city, the city sits in the crossroads of two highways, a railroad runs through town, the water tower can be used for a cell phone tower or other communications, new post office facility, the community center, and seven cemeteries in the area.

Public Facilities Weaknesses:

The city building has been outgrown, some roads are too narrow and/or in poor condition, sidewalks are in poor shape or lacking altogether, lighting is not up to standards in all areas, water may become an issue, and the library may need to be expanded to suit future needs.

Public Facilities Opportunities:

New sewer facilities can be developed through bonds & grants, and the canal setbacks can be negotiated.

Public Facilities Threats:

The present courthouse and city hall buildings are too small, unplanned rapid growth, and questionable ability of fire protection and city services to keep up with growth.

The next work meeting will deal with the S.W.O.T. of housing, economic development and land use.

It was decided that the issue brought up by Doug James at the April 14th, 2005, meeting would be dealt with during the June 9th meeting.

Karen Durst moved to adjourn and Travis Poole seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.