

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
7:00 P.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Gibraltar Plan Commission was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Tom Birmingham, chairman.

Members present: Tom Birmingham, Jim Jauquet, Linda Merline, Andy Coulson and David Boyd

Approve minutes of last meeting: *It was moved by Jauquet and seconded by Boyd to approve the minutes of April 27, 2009 as written. Motion carried unanimously.*

Open discussion and correspondence: No correspondence has been received. Jauquet recounted the Board of Adjustment decision on the Mirkovic variance.

The role of the Commission was discussed. The 5-year review of the plan is a worthwhile process and there is much work to be done. Mark Walter of Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission will be speaking on sustainability at the June 30th meeting.

Birmingham stated that Brian Merkel is asking the Commission to interview the Bike Federation and Schreiber Anderson and make a recommendation to the town board. Two members of the Commission could interview and make a recommendation to the full commission. Proposals would be needed from the firms. Birmingham will contact Merkel regarding this.

20-year comprehensive plan renewal: Transportation element, resolution: Jauquet stated the newer style catch basin grates were previously discussed; a particular design was not chosen to recommend. A sidewalk going up the Fish Creek hill on the north side will be included in the resurfacing project.

Coulson stated if we as a community are interested in true economic development of the community, we need to address the fact that parking and traffic are a problem for the majority of the year. Additional parking outside the community with a means of getting into the community for example using existing parking at the school with some sort of public transportation into town. Also the addition of bike and walking paths are recommended. A proposal should be brought forward by a planner to enhance traffic flow.

Change "Parking" on 5-4 to read: During the peak tourist season parking in the village is increasingly scarce; additional parking should be planned for and created close to the village with appropriate signage. Overall parking accessibility and potential additions should be reviewed annually.

Goal 1: Keep in

Objective 1.1: Keep in

Objective 1.2: Keep in

Objective 1.3: Keep in

Objective 1.4: Provide a safe system of multi purpose trails.

Objective 1.5: Keep in

Objective 1.6: Support public transportation that considers the elderly and handicapped population.

Recommended Policy 1.1a: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1b: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1c: Maintain abandoned utility corridors for future multi purpose trails.

Recommended Policy 1.1d: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1e: Keep in

Add Recommended Policy 1.1f: Ensure that bike routes and trails are clearly marked.

Rename former Recommended Policy 1.1f to 1.1g

Rename former Recommended Policy 1.1g to 1.1h

Recommended Program 1.1a: Keep in

Recommended Program 1.1b: Keep in

Recommended Program 1.1c: Keep in

Add: Objective 1.7: Plan for and designate future parking for visitor and workforce use. (also add to implementation chapter 9-20).

20-year comprehensive plan renewal: Utilities and community facilities element, review:

UTILITIES

Goal 1:

Objective 1.1: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1a: Need to hear from Sanitarian if this is still recommended.

Recommended Policy 1.1b: Keep in. It is a legitimate goal to have a database collected in a reasonable way. Merline stated that Schuster is willing to have the data put into graphs that are understandable if the town provides someone to help. Jauquet is willing to volunteer. Jauquet will contact Wayne Kudick regarding his annual meeting report request.

Recommended Policy 1.1c: Replace the word "Require" with the word "Ensure". This information with funding sources would be recommended for a newsletter article.

Recommended Policy 1.1d: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1e: Expired

Recommended Policy 1.1f: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1g: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1h: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1i: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1j: Keep in

Objective 1.2: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2a: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2b: Keep in

FACILITIES

Goal 1: Keep in

Objective 1.1: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1a: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1b: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1c: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1d: "Use the most current Outdoor Recreation Plan approved by the Town Board in planning for future improvements, expansions and acquisitions."

Recommended Policy 1.1e: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.1f: Done

Objective 1.2: Keep in

Recommended Policy 1.2a: Eliminate

Recommended Policy 1.2b: make 1.2a.

Storm water control: Jauquet met with Bill Schuster and Greg Colhurst of Door County Soil & Water Conservation last week. The meeting was to discuss 3 items:

- 1) Stormwater pipe that empties into Fish Creek at the Peninsula Park entrance at Shore Road
- 2) Ditch along the parking lot of St. Paul's Catholic Church
- 3) North Shore Clinic

The recommendations were as follows:

- 1) A serpentine basin with reeds/grasses ending up where the pipe ends. This would have to be designed and DCS&WC cannot get involved in it. They would be able to support and help sell the idea to the Park. Easements would need to be determined as well as Park permission. Grants are available for planning and construction.
- 2) The pipe going under the highway was large enough, the screen across the culvert be rebuilt with a stand pipe that would eliminate trash from building up. The ditch from the sidewalk to the back end of the church front parking lot be cleaned/brushed out and reed/grasses planted. The screen should be cleaned off daily by maintenance.
- 3) The elevation lines indicate that the water should go from the south side of the highway to the north side of the highway which would indicate a culvert. Once on the north side there is not a natural ravine that

would take the water into the park. It would have to come back across at the Parkwood Lodge. By doing this it may increase the problem at Harringtons and reduce the problem at the Clinic. The correct maps will be reviewed prior to making a recommendation.

Jauquet felt the first 2 projects could be worked on. Jauquet and Birmingham will review the projects with Runquist and proceed based on Runquist's recommendation.

Set next meeting date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Boyd and seconded by Birmingham to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hagen
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer