



## Lockwood Steering Committee

Lockwood School Administration Building

August 28, 2014

**Attendance:** Brandy Dangerfield, Carl Peters, Xzimar Anderson, Glen L. Seavy, Don Reed, Lisa Muilenburg, Woody Woods, Rick Sannon, Donna Sannon, Cal Cumin, Steve Arveschoug, Chief John Staley, State Representative Jonathan McNiven and Bob Riehl.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Bob Riehl.

### **Sannon Park – Cal Cumin**

Cal Cumin from the County Parks Dept shared some drawings of Sannon Park and the Parks in and around Lockwood. The County Commissioners suggested he approach the Steering Committee and the Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District for input on splitting off 1/3 of the Park as surplus park property. Cal explained the activity and process for selling a portion of the property. Comments began with Carl Peter's stating that we should not give it up as "they are not making any more land." Rick and Donna Sannon speaking in opposition for the sale stated that "When they developed the subdivision they were assured that the Park would remain public property forever for use of Lockwood". It was a significant contribution on their part to designate the property Sannon Park and didn't want to see it sold. Glen Seavy spoke in opposition of the sale also, as he helped to develop that location more than 50 years ago and he stated we don't need more houses we need more open space to make our lives more enjoyable. Others at the meeting also spoke in opposition to the sale. No-one spoke in favor of the sale of the property.

Cal Cumin said he would take that as Lockwood's input and suggest the County Park Board retract its recommendation to the County Commissioners.

## **Industrial Park Study**

Steve Arveschoug from Big Sky Economic Development introduced the topic explaining BSEDA contracted with KLJ engineering to prepare the Yellowstone County Industrial Park Feasibility Analysis. The draft is prepared in final form to be reviewed by the project steering committee they will be meeting Friday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss their comments. Bob Riehl and Don Reed are on that review committee. Some locations in Lockwood are in the list evaluated by the report. After Sept 5<sup>th</sup> the report will be made available for others.

## **TEDD/TIF**

Steve explained what TEDD/TIFs were how they could be used in the development of infrastructure. Conrad Stroebe handed out an article on Big Sky, MT which is also an unincorporated community considering a TEDD to finance its infrastructure. These can be useful tools to accomplish infrastructure development, but, there are many things to consider when using these tools.

## **District Reports**

*Fire District* – Chief Staley was introduced and reported that they broke ground for the new fire station. It will be completed next year and there will be no tax increase for the new station. Next meeting is Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fire Station.

*Water and Sewer* – Woody Woods reported that Phase II is moving forward with engineering development completed this next winter, bids let in April and construction to be done in 2015/16. They have some grants that must be executed this year and that will be accomplished with the engineering commitments. Of the \$9.3 M project 30% is funded by grants. Next meeting is Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the water offices.

*Lockwood School* – Don Reed reported that the School is operating at close to capacity according to accreditation standards. Supt Tobin was interviewed by Channel 7 on Lockwood's preschool program. It will be playing several times over the next month. Next meeting is Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at the Board Room.

*Irrigation District*– Carl Peters reported Sept 15<sup>th</sup> shut down of the irrigation season. This is the first year since 2010 that we had a full season of water. Flood plain work with the county along with study work for head-gate replacement continues. Next meeting is Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at the water offices.

*Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District* – Brandy Dangerfield reported that the committee's plan was submitted to the County Commissioners. The County will hire an engineer to prepare the proposals for consideration. Some leased security lights have been placed at the school bus stops

to improve student safety. The committee will have a working meeting with the Commissioners on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Commissioners meeting room at the Court House. Next meeting of the Advisory Committee is Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the Lockwood School Administration Building.

*Transportation District* – Conrad/Don reported that the Billings Bypass Record of Decision is complete and available at the Lockwood Water offices. Don and Conrad discussed County road infrastructure expenditures in Lockwood with the Policy Coordinating Committee at their August meeting. Carl Peters expressed concern for the reconstruction of the Cenex gas station. Parking of trucks and traffic along Rosebud has been a problem as it is a residential street.

### **MEDA – Committees**

*Business* – Bob Riehl reported on activities of the committee. The committee has challenged the Businesses of Lockwood to provide “Door Prizes” for the Celebrate Lockwood town hall meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 PM at the Lockwood School - Sturdevant Gym.

The next Business meeting will be luncheon meeting hosted by Warren Transport. **Lunch will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 1 PM @ Warren Transport 2348 N. Frontage Road.** Contact Vu Pham @ 245-8833 or [VPham@warrentran.com](mailto:VPham@warrentran.com)

The October meeting of the Business work group will be at Aspen Air 7 AM Breakfast meeting. Date to be finalized at our September meeting. Contact is Joseph Hickey @ 406-026-9014 or [jhickey@aspencorp.com](mailto:jhickey@aspencorp.com)

*Media and Image* – No report,

*Lion's Lair 2.0* – Lisa Muilenburg Treasurer for the PTA reported that the committee has collected \$30 T. They have a Jungle theme and they would like to construct in 2016. It is Lion's Lair 2.0. The cost is approx. \$150T. For maintenance and everything the fundraising goal is \$230T. They have planned Fun Runs, Theater presentations, Box Tops etc.

*Governance* – No report. We will try to revive the group to help with the Lockwood One-year Celebration of our MEDA activities.

*Schools and Education* – No report.

**Lockwood One-year Celebration (MEDA)** – The name is “**Celebrate Lockwood**”. October 14<sup>th</sup> is the date. The location is Sturdevant Gym at the Lockwood School and the time is 6 – 8:30 PM. The planning committee has had several conference calls. Xzimer Anderson gave a portable street sign to the Steering Committee for advertizing its events. It will be placed around Lockwood and be moved from place to place. Door Prizes are being committed by businesses,

The event will have table presentations by each of the Districts. Folks can walk around the tables to ask questions and get information. Tables will be set-up at 6 PM.

The formal presentation will start at 7 PM and will last about an hour. The presentation will have a Summary of the MEDA activity from last year and a Panel presentation by the MEDA committee will talk about the activities over the last year.

Door Prizes will be drawn throughout the evening. Door Prizes are provided by the Lockwood Businesses. Tickets will be provided at the door and you need to be present to win. The Business work group will have a table with information on Lockwood Businesses and an information board with the active prizes. A Grand Prize of a 2000 watt portable generator provided by Bretz RV will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

The planning committee has scheduled a conference call for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

**Other Topics** – The Lockwood website will have this and other information. The layout of the website is changed a bit and will have a list of the Lockwood Businesses on the left hand side.

**Treasurer's Report**

– Bob Riehl reported that with all bills in for this date the account balance is \$815.70.

**Next meeting** – September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM – Lockwood School Administration Building

**Adjourned** at 9 PM

Notes Submitted by Bob Riehl