



Minutes

Town of Blue River

Blue River Comprehensive Plan Committee

February 4, 2021

Blue River Town Hall, 0110 Whispering Pines Circle

6:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom

Sarah Thorsteinson-Chair; Tori Aidala; Dan Cleary; Bevan Hardy; Jon Warnick
Tim West was excused. Brownell Bailey; and Mark Fossett were absent. Town Attorney,
Bob Widner and Town Manager Michelle Eddy were also present.

I. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

a. Recap Town Hall/Survey Questions Recreation Chapter

- Discussion of some of the topics and many felt things should stay as they are.
- Tarn
 - There was good discussion for boat storage and some moderate improvements as well as being proactive about preserving land and creating low key trails for residents.
 - Discussion for the Tarn to include the ramp, a low-key trail around the Tarn, enhancing and finding a “permit” enforcement personnel, possible enhance access for control. Possibly creating a “viewing” area for wildlife and photos. Encourage the town to improve access and basic improvements enjoyment of the Tarn. Improve area along the shore.
 - Discussion to include Hwy 9 in the comp plan in a different section. “The Town encourages cooperation with CDOT for...” Perhaps in the Hwy 9 section of the plan.
 - Look at possible year round activities with minimal impacts or improvements with improved access. This would include winter maintenance of the parking lot.
 - When looking at improvements they should include ADA access.
 - Encourage the Board to establish a sustainable trail around the Tarn that connects into the Blue River Trail system.

b. Survey

- Reviewed questions and made edits.

II. 7:0 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

a. Land Use: Landscaping; berms and signage guidelines and way finding

- Discussion of type of signage needed and need for specific guidelines for signage.
- Discussion of whether or not to have signage. Possible simple wayfinding signage.
 - Neighborhood signage
 - a.** Discussion to not include
 - Interpretive signage
 - a.** Limited for when it makes sense
 - Wayfinding
 - a.** Limited but focus more on a Parks/Recreation tab on the website.
 - Signage Guidelines
 - a.** Encourage the Town to pursue and develop sign regulations to the Town Code.
- Landscaping and berms
 - Discussion that landscaping and berm regulations exist but there is an enforcement issue.
 - Discussion to encourage greater enforcement of landscaping and berms.
 - It is recognized that certain acts greatly impact the character of the town including berms, dead trees, and lack of compliance of landscaping by developers. The Town is encouraged to dedicate resources and enforcement to address issues that degrade or impair the quality and character of the community.
- Discussion to encourage the town to develop a site plan review process to address landscaping and defensible plan requirements and update the Town code with clear guidelines. Discussion that this doesn't need to be in the comp plan but should be addressed.

III. Upcoming schedule/meetings/homework

a. Discussion of needing to either meet more often or longer or keep the process the same.

- Decision to leave it as is.

b. Next month-Land Use- zoning and subdivisions and review of survey results.

IV. Next Meeting, March 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m.