

Spearfish City Council



Special Session

Minutes

Date:

November 4, 2009

The Spearfish City Council met in Special Session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Services Centre at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 with the following members present: Davis, Young, Morgan, Quinn and Schmit. Baker was absent. Also present: City Administrator Sund, Public Works Administrator Johnson, Police Chief Rotert, Assistant Finance Officer Dutton and City Planner Watson. Mayor Krambeck presided and called the meeting to order. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Planning Session – City Administrator Sund stated in beginning to come up with a vision for the City, we will start by putting together ideas. A vision should be enduring. Davis asked how a vision statement would help the City. Sund replied that while visioning and problem solving are sometimes thought to be the same, they are very different. Visioning is a positive process where government has typically been in problem solving mode which is a negative process. A vision statement would provide a communication tool to staff and the community in communicating what the Mayor and City Council believe the City should be striving to become. Sund began facilitating the vision development process by seeking input of the future focus of several categories.

➤ **What do you think Spearfish will look like in terms of people in 10 to 20 years?**

- More cultural diversity
- Similar to today, no dramatic shifts – Hope to maintain our Midwestern values and culture
- Create the situation wherein young people who grow up here can stay in area
- Continue to acquire retirees with no previous connection to Spearfish
- University will provide a continuous stream of new young people and with the expansion of the international programs, we'll see more cultural diversity.
- We would expect to see some change with the DUSEL and SUSEL effects
- Continue to be a regional hub, continue to grow but maintain our positive attributes
- Would like to see more community involvement in the future
- Continued rise in part-time residents – those people with two to several homes in different locations
- Increase in Senior population and senior care

- Continued growth in single parent families and both parents working causing more demands for us in terms of school and children's needs.

➤ **How do you envision housing in the next 10 to 20 years?**

- More diversity and multi-family housing
- More younger people and families living in condominium settings
- Will see a rise in retirement homes – independent living and those not ready for assisted living
- May see home ownership on leased land as Dakota Land Trust become more prevalent
- More upscale homes
- More downtown living and move toward a walkable community

➤ **How do you see infrastructure changing in the next 10 to 20 years?**

- Would like to see return to dedication of alleys as development costs may make this impossible
- Will see a new neighborhood model in the future – back to smaller, tighter neighborhoods with smaller land parcels
- Return to infrastructure being on the N-S-W-E grid concept
- Downtown parking to handle more downtown living as community becomes more walkable
- Major changes in Storm Water regulation compliance
- More infill
- Additions to the sewer system including transmission mains and lift stations
- Another exit off I-90 and more service roads
- Possible condemning or property acquisition to meet infrastructure growth needs
- Additional water reservoir
- Additional traffic signals
- Water tanks at higher elevations to accommodate higher elevation growth
- Enlarged Cemetery or new cemetery

➤ **What changes do you see for our schools in 10 to 20 years?**

- Trend is decreasing family size – possibility of regional schools
- Increase in private schools
- Additional vocational programs in secondary schools

➤ **What changes do you see in our Job and Business Sectors in 10 to 20 years?**

- Continued diversity – not all eggs in one basket
- Increase in manufacturing
- Continue to build medical care facilities
- More assisted living
- More retail
- People who live here, but do not have their businesses here

➤ **What do you see for Health Care in the next 10 to 20 years?**

- Expect to see more specialty physicians
- Growth area at Exit 17 to serve region
- Continued growth in nursing homes, assisted living, home health care and in home helpers
- More specialized health care clinics
- More out-patient procedures and facilities

➤ **What do you see for Crime in the next 10 to 20 years?**

- Consistent pattern of growth, as population grows, number will grow but percentage rate will remain static
- Some temporary increase in gang related activities as people relocate from gang-prevalent areas
- Growth at BHSU will contribute to number of crimes increasing, but do not believe this will raise the overall rate.

➤ **What change in local amenities do you see in the next 10 to 20 years?**

- Mall outlet stores with public recreation in one location, such as ice skating rink
- With Senior growth, more demand for amenities for that population sector
- Expanded Rec. Center and facilities
- Increase in all recreation facilities such as more trails etc...
- Indoor pool/water park
- Indoor hockey/ice rink.
- More mountain bike trails and trailheads

➤ **What changes do you see in the next 10 to 20 years regarding our environment?**

- There will be more regulations and they will be stricter. There will be more communication with regulatory agencies such as USFS, BLM, EPA and FEMA.
- Recycling programs
- More 'green' ventures and more demand for 'green'
- Increase in wind generation
- More environmental sensitivity
- More water conservation
- City may have to acquire more environmental priority lands.

➤ **How do you see public involvement in the next 10 to 20 years?**

- Much the same, driven only by controversy
- Done via computer e.g., social networking
- Need more leadership development programs

City Administrator Sund stated that ultimately we will develop a City Vision, Mission, Values and Goals by utilizing information gathered at this meeting.

There being no further business before the Council, Quinn moved, Young seconded and all voted to adjourn at 8:49 PM.

Dated this 4th day of November 2009.

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Jerry A. Krambeck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Greg Sund, City Administrator

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