

Basin Town Master Plan - Wyoming Business Council Planning Grant Application Public Hearing July 6, 2010



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BACKGROUND: Currently there is no clear vision for the future of Basin. The current Town Master Plan was completed in 1977. The residents of Basin value what we have, want to preserve and enhance our community and have the capacity and willingness to work hard. However, the community needs a clear vision and goals to work toward.

FUNDS: The funds obtained through this grant (\$18,750) and with the local match that has already been budgeted (\$6,250) will be used to hire a consultant to assist Basin develop a new Town Master Plan.

TIMELINE: We expect a realistic project timeline to be 9 months to complete the Basin Town Master Plan. This will include time to; 1) complete citizen surveys; 2) develop a comprehensive future looking plan with identified goals and objectives; 3) rewrite town ordinances as needed; and, 4) develop a capital improvement plan.

Prior to commencement of this project we will need to obtain the grant funding and then complete the RFP process to secure a contract planner who will then guide the Town through this **process**.

OUTCOME: Information derived from citizen, business and intergovernmental surveys used in the development of an updated Town Master Plan will be used to supplement and amend existing Town Development Ordinances, Zoning Ordinances, Capital Improvement Plans and be used to develop a workable community plan.

What is a Master Plan?

- Vision for the future
- Public document to guide decisions
- Develops goals, objectives and strategies to achieve the vision
- Developed through the use of surveys, interviews, public meetings and citizen comments.
- Identifies and enhances the competitive advantages of the Town.

The overall theme of the Master Plan will be to develop a vision (and vision statement) for the Town of Basin in order to improve the health and viability of the future of Basin while at the same time preserving those things that are important to the character of Basin and are important to the quality of life in Basin. The overriding goal of this project is to create a Community Development Plan as well as an Economic Development Plan.

[T]he comprehensive plan is an integrated statement of the aspirations of the community ("this is what we will ourselves to be") illustrating how the various function-specific plans [of the community] are tied together to achieve a broad array of community objectives.

-Planning Commissioners Journal

Goals of Project:

- **Infrastructure** – The town infrastructure is aging. By understanding how the town will grow and the expected needs of the future of Basin an appropriate capital improvements plan can be developed.
- **Housing** – Understand housing needs in order to encourage expansion of housing options to meet age and income needs and population growth.
- **Land Uses** – A survey of current land uses needs to be completed in order for the town to redefine its zoning. Zoning will be used to encourage commercial development within the downtown and commercial corridor area as well as protect open spaces and neighborhoods.
- **Recreational** – Recreation needs of adult and youth in the community are primarily being met by facilities outside of Basin. By identifying the recreational needs and encouraging a revitalization of appropriate recreational opportunities, the Town will be able to promote these amenities to encourage adults and families to choose Basin.
- **Downtown/Commercial Corridor Development and Revitalization** – While some sectors of the Basin Commercial District have shown growth, there are pockets of this district which may be seen as a detractor to the appearance of Basin and misidentify its health and vitality in terms of economic development. We would like the Master Plan to help identify achievable objectives in this area to encourage Development and Revitalization.
- **Goals for Emergency Services** – These services are important not just to current residents and businesses but also to visitors, future residents and commercial development. By understanding our capabilities and developing a plan to sustain and/or grow these services, Basin will be able to use this information to encourage smart growth in the community.

Master Plan Steering Committee

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Community Members:

- Beck Allred
- Charlene Anderson
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If you would like to join the steering committee, please submit a letter of interest to:

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