

HS Comprehensive Plan

MEETING 3/9/16

- Check in on February's Meetings with Dakota Rising Tourism, Recreation, Business/Economic Growth, Health & Wellness, Housing (25 min)
- Review Eburn's work (5 min)
- Discuss Past – Present – Future – To Do (5 min)
- Chapter 6 – Community Character
 - Scenic Resources
 - Historic Resources
 - Cultural Resources(20 min)

SET NEXT MEETING



City of Hot Springs

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MEETING SUMMARY – Started at 6:00 pm

Three people attended last night's meeting and we had excellent discussion and interaction of our agenda items.

We reviewed all the Dakota Resources meeting summaries and generated some new questions and additions to their discussions.

We looked over Eburn's great work which brought up discussions regarding invasive species management especially how it relates to the river: specifically cattails (which are native to North America but invasive in our watershed and the Jack Dempsey fish that is obliterating our native fish and frogs. More information will be sought regarding invasives within our area.

We then discussed the manner in which the team will be tackling the various chapters and topics of the Comp Plan. I introduced the basic questions we need to be asking regarding each topic. Where were we regarding the topic? How did we get where we are? Where are we regarding the topic? And Where do we want to be? The last and most important: How do we get there? (See attached sheet)

The Dakota Resource process will be defining our chapters on Tourism, Business & Economic Growth, Recreation, Health & Wellness and Housing. The Summaries from those meetings were handed out and noted that on each summary is the time, date and location of the next meeting. At any

time you are all welcomed to attend any one of those meetings. The March meetings will be critical as they will be deciding what priorities the community has under each topic and what projects will evolve from those priorities. I will be attending and hope to see some of you there.

The Chapter discussion we held was on Community Character: Historical, Scenic and Cultural Resources. The following is a topical summary of our discussion:

SCENIC RESOURCES

- WATER: Springs, river, waterfall*
- Red Rock Cliffs and the contract between them and the green vegetation
- Sandstone Architecture
- Close proximity to Wind Cave National Park
- Ridgelines with historic houses
- Past: Railroad depot and the surrounding activity and Victorian Architecture
Recapture some of that scenic beauty by reusing rail beds for walking or biking paths (Joe Chase, School of Mines report)

HISTORIC RESOURCES

- Sandstone Architecture
- Pioneer Museum
- Indian Encampment (Locate)
- Three Historic Cemeteries: Evergreen, National and State Veterans
- VA Campus & the State Home Campus
- Helen McGee Heritage Room @ the Library
- Evens Plunge (place)
- WATER: The reason why people came here
- Battle Mountain: Acknowledge different views of history Native vs Settler

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Eburn's Native Narrative: Encampment, the springs, source of Evan's Plunge healing waters, Battle Mountain (fact finding needed); Wind Cave creation story
- Indian social effects – honoring nature
- Pine Ridge neighbors – population effects live, shop, worship etc together
- Pioneer and Victorian 'Industrialist' – left effects in architecture, government and town structure. Socially left the pioneer spirit
- Ranchers – Relationship with Hot Springs changed. Used to be the hub where they could buy and sell goods and services. Not so much anymore – would like to get back to that with Farmers Markets, and locally produced food. Brought to the area the cowboy mystique, enrichment of neighborly living and a utilitarian view of wildlife, animals and earth.
- Current influx of people from all parts of the country and world bringing a more eclectic, artistic, holistic, anti-government and independent vibe to the area

Meeting ended at 6:30.

Next meeting scheduled for **April 7, 2016 @ 5:30pm** City Hall. That's a Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you then.