

Bluff Town Council Strategic Planning Town Hall Minutes
November 14, 2022
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
190 N 3rd East P.O. Box 324
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Regular meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted in writing to Ann Leppanen (ann@townofbluff.org) at least 4 days before the meeting. Agendas and minutes are posted at: townofbluff.org on Town Council tab and audio, in addition, at the Utah Public Notice Website
This meeting was held electronically and in-person.

Leppanen opened the Town Hall at 6:02 p.m.

Erin Nelson explained the meeting was in person and virtual. She turned the meeting over to Julie DeLong and Judith Oki of Pathways, who introduced themselves.

DeLong explained the ground rules of collaboration, process and procedure. This is a management process used to create a long-range plan of five to seven years. The outcome will be understanding what we think about the future of our community and moving forward. She listed the accomplishments of the Town and explained we start from where we are now. She explained the importance of community input through the Town Hall, surveys and interviews. The survey is composed of three parts and DeLong opened to input for the first section. The on-line participants could respond verbally or through notes on a Jam Board.

1. Infrastructure, Health, Safety, Transportation

Comments were in person and virtual and included:

Develop the Cooperative Cultural Center

Develop the trail system, connect community to river

Water issues, keeping our water, water infrastructure

Housing

Gateway community or not

Health, senior health, aging in place, supporting aging

Replacing aging roads

Cemetery District under Town not County

Walkable paths

2. Community Building, Heritage and Historic Preservation

Activities for all generations, gathering places, playgrounds and exercise areas

Sense of belonging, respect for others, want to be here, livability, keep uniqueness

Ability to raise family and have a job here, economic development

Care givers, some type of nursing home

Stewards of the river and acknowledge that is why Bluff is located here

System through town of informational signs for geology, archeology, history

New building requires a vertical survey so as not to destroy previous cultures underneath

Dark Sky

Pay Town Council salaries

3. Land Use, Recreation, Economic Development

Keep Bluff...Bluff, not Moab

Not the kind of tourism that encourages ATVs, keep the quiet
Leppanen pointed out the State legislature refuses to restrict ATVs
Day care
Being able to walk in any direction
Public restrooms
Fix Cottonwood addition alleys
Old school potential
Affordability of land, more jobs that are not tourist or seasonal, housing, fiber optics, remote jobs,

Nelson thanked everyone for their participation and hard work and encouraged all to take the survey on the website or on a paper copy from the Town office. There were 9 in-person and 23 on-line participants. The audio is on the Utah Public Notice Website and the Town YouTube channel.

In Person Attendees:

Jim Sayers
Dan Meyers
Ann K. Leppanen
Linda Sosa
Luanne Hook
Patrick McDermott
Bill Crowder
Bob Rozelle
Kathleen Packish
Lois Young
Krieg Benally

Online Attendees

Carol Shook
Stewart Aitchison
Linda Richmond
Brant Murray
Cody Little
Mary Gillam
Jacob Nelson
Diana Davidson
Kathy Carson
Molly Schmidt
Robin Patten
Carol Patterson
Tim & Eirene Hamilton
Jen Davila
Michael Haviken
Jim Hook
Jocelyn Meyers
Monique McDermott
Jackie Warren
Erin Nelson

Linda Sosa, Recording Officer

This meeting took place electronically in order to follow the social distancing guidelines given by state and local authorities. The public was able to connect and participate electronically.

To view the livestream, or watch past recordings, please visit our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTqBxSP-Erhxq6muVMX6vdw>

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