
MEMORANDUM

TO: SUN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR
FROM: NILS RIBI
SUBJECT: 2009 STRATEGIC PROJECT PRIORITIES
DATE: 1/22/2009

Below is my recommended list of Strategic Projects for the City of Sun Valley for 2009 for discussion at the January 22, 2009 City Council Meeting.

1. **Finalize Capital Improvement Plan and Revenue Analysis.** Priority: ASAP. Reason: Continue transition into long-range planning practice, information then used for finalization of investment and reserve policies; review of fee rates and consideration of impact fee ordinance. New development should pay its own way; existing property taxpayers should not shoulder that infrastructure burden. Comp Plan Action Items: 6.3.8, 5.2.5, 5.1.2
2. **Finalize Workforce Housing Plan.** Priority: ASAP. Reason: The City lacks direction in how it intends to implement its workforce housing program over the short and long-term. Comp Plan Action Items: 3.1.1 – 3.1.8, 3.5.3, 7.1.1 – 7.1.4
 - a. Decide the City's role in ownership, management, land acquisition, development, and relationship with the Blaine County Housing Authority, and other providers.
 - b. Sell the City's two Elkhorn Springs affordable units.
 - c. Create housing units in the City for emergency personnel.
3. **Implement citywide noxious weed control program.** Priority: ASAP. Reason: Weed control is getting out of hand. Work with County weed management group, landowners, and homeowners' associations. Comp Plan Action Item: 1.5.8
4. **Create Parks and Open Space Plan.** Priority: Short Term. Reason: Provide final direction on 5-acre park, future parks and critical open space parcels. Comp Plan Action Items: 5.1.7, 1.4.6, 1.4.4, 1.4.6, 6.4.2, 6.4.3, 4.2.10
5. **Amend Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Planning Area #3 – Sun Valley Gateway.** Priority: Mid Term. Reason: The current Plan does not suitably

reflect the community's projected land use for this area. Comp Plan Action Item: 4.4.1

6. **Update Design Guidelines for all residential zoning districts.** Priority: Mid Term. Reason: reduce subjectivity; prepare for redevelopment and infill within each zone in City; address building massing in context within each part of City; ensure appropriate transitions between zoning districts. Comp Plan Action Items: 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 4.3.1
7. **Conduct 5-Year Update of City of Sun Valley Comprehensive Plan.** Priority: Mid Term. Reason: Five years is a reasonable time to take a good look at the Comprehensive Plan, update it with current economic and demographic data and review its goals, objectives and action items.
8. **Other important work for 2009:**
 - a. Continue to work with Sustain Blaine, Chamber of Commerce and Ketchum on Economic Development Goals (ASAP).
 - b. Continue to rebuild deteriorating bike path throughout the City (ASAP).
 - c. Continue trail development work with SVEA (ASAP).
 - d. Develop comprehensive effort to mitigate urban/wildland fire interface throughout City (ASAP).
 - e. Review Sun Valley's Areas of City Impact and request adjustments as necessary (Short Term).
 - f. Develop signage policy for City to control potential overuse of signs (Short Term).
 - g. Lengthen time periods on public notice provisions on more significant land use applications (Short Term).
 - h. Extend bike path to Boundary Campground (Mid Term).
 - i. Strengthen the hillside ordinance to prevent problems seen at end of Fairway Road (1.5.1) (Mid Term).
 - j. Adopt Planned Unit Development Ordinance (4.6.3) (Mid Term).
 - k. Complete re-zones of all conflicting and non-conforming properties in City (4.6.5) (Ongoing).
 - l. Continue to provide better reporting by Council members on Committee and Liaison assignments (Ongoing).
 - m. Continue to provide better communications with the public – timeliness of information, better use of website and e-mail communication with public, podcasting and eventual video webcasting of Council meetings, and town-hall public meetings (Ongoing).