

APPENDIX F

AMENDMENT #5 TO THE GRANITE COUNTY GROWTH POLICY

Adopted By:

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The Town of Drummond

Mission Statement: Finding a Quiet Sense of Place

Vision Statement: Drummond, Montana, is a working agricultural area located adjacent to I-90. The trip down the off-ramp takes you to a place where traditional values are present and you are immersed in a captivating authentic western community.

The traveler is permitted a glimpse of unadorned and unstaged life in a ranching and logging region. The World Famous Bullshippers here are honest, hard working and friendly.

A typical excursion down Front Street could include a 4th of July Kiddies Parade, or ranchers discussing the weather, hay crops or calving. You might even see cattle being driven through town to market or pasture or there may be no traffic at all.

Driving past Drummond on I-90 during a Friday Night in the Fall you may see the lights of the Football Field off to the north of the interstate as our Drummond Trojans battle with another local C School for the win.

(From <http://www.drummondmontana.com/>)

Original Goals

1. The Town of Drummond needs some work on streets and alleys, especially side streets in town (ongoing).
2. Drummond used state grant and loan programs in 2002 to construct a lift station and slipline the sewer outfall. Sewer collection lines in town have been replaced. Construction of a multi-cell lagoon will be the next step. (ongoing)
3. Future subdivision development is a concern of Drummond/Hall residents. One concern is that subdivision development upstream from irrigated lands could result in changes to irrigation methods. Liability of agricultural landowners and/or irrigation ditch companies from new subdivision is a concern of many local residents. Residents note that to date, very little irrigated land has been developed, that most of the development in the Drummond/Hall area has been on marginal agricultural land. Residents feel that protecting irrigators and irrigated land might best be accomplished through landowner-petitioned planning and zoning districts (ongoing).

4. Drummond vicinity residents favor aggressive business and economic development. Some believe that small businesses could be assisted to expand or locate in the vicinity. Others feel that increase tourist promotion is needed, pointing out that many travelers on I-90 stop in Drummond for a travel break. Others observed that events such as the tractor-pull and Mule Days brought in people and even enticed travelers to stay in Drummond (ongoing).

New Goals

5. Continue the support of summer events such as the rodeo.
6. Continue to work with the State on maintenance and improvements to Front Street.
7. Maintain parks and Town land through regular mowing and irrigation.
8. Pursue grant funding to support maintenance and improvement of the museum, particularly in completing projects such as repainting.
9. Continue to improve the grounds at Flag Pole Park.
10. Continue to support partnering opportunities with the School District, such as shared community library services.
11. Work to identify opportunities to support the ranching community as it faces increasing pressures due to competition and other factors.
12. Pursue opportunities for diversification of the economy, including retaining when possible natural resource industry jobs.
13. Support existing and new businesses in Drummond, with a focus on small business.
14. Support the construction of new housing.
15. Seek to attract young families to the community.
16. Support and utilize civic organizations and church organizations within the community for accomplishing community goals.
17. Continue to support the Fire Department as an active and involved group within the community.
18. Drummond residents are concerned about current health and safety issues related to the lack of walking trails leading Drummond residents to walk on Montana Highway 1. Residents would like to see the Town Council and County Commissioners pursue and support acquiring grant funds for walking, hiking and biking trails. Residents would like to see trail systems along old railroad lines between Drummond and Philipsburg, and along the Clark Fork corridor.
19. Increasing recreational opportunities within Drummond are important to the town residents. Residents would like to see the Town Council aid in pursuing grant funds to acquire recreational lands along the Clark Fork River, near the Drummond City Park.
20. Pursue grant funds to renovate existing apartments and low income housing, including energy efficient windows, siding, and roofing. Additional apartment housing, including affordable housing, is needed for the town.
21. Promote civic pride within Drummond through implementation of community clean-up efforts, including clean-up of garbage, weeds, junk vehicles and abandoned buildings. Residents would like to see focus on Main Street and Front Street.
22. Support the Town Council in identifying new industries, including tourism, to provide job opportunities for residents of Drummond.
23. Seek to have drainage conveyance and infrastructure maintenance improvements completed. Specifically as they relate to sections of town which historically flood.
24. Due to the unique confines limiting annexation of surrounding lands around Drummond, residents are supportive of in-fill development within the existing city limits.
25. Residents would like to see the Granite County Hospital District work toward retaining and maintaining the Margo Bowers Health Clinic.
26. Residents would like to retain and increase industrial rail transportation opportunities. Opportunities to resume passenger rail transportations should also be pursued.