

Political - From the stakeholder perspective you were selected to represent (or others), what Political factors, concerns or criteria do you think should be included in or accounted for in any zoning proposal that the ZAP develops?

Provide clear, useful and transparent information to the community.

We have to shift our thinking from City vs. County to City AND County within the bowl.

Advocate and develop effective coordination between entities and across regions.

Draconian development regulations and inconsistent administration by one political entity forces development into unzoned and uncontrolled adjacent areas. We can see this throughout the

We need to educate county residents about the costs of and funding for infrastructure to support water and wastewater, public safety and transportation services.

Persons don't understand groundwater issues and there are no laws to protect those who have already drilled wells. Neither do folks understand the implications of a septic system failure. More folks need to understand these issues and the impact on property values for both existing and new home owners.

There are ongoing discussions about creating a regional parks department to encompass Helena, E. Helena, the Helena Valley and extreme northern Jefferson County. Could zoning facilitate these political entities to achieve some desired balance of open space, parks and recreation?

We have to start building relationships with Jefferson County and Broadwater County. The regional parks & recreation district is a good place to start. (Don't use it for records storage)

Helena area. The solution involves a couple of things. Zoning and regulation should not be used to discourage development but rather to facilitate orderly development throughout the area. At the sametime development in the outlying areas needs to assure that services can be provided and property values are protected.

We need to provide education to folks about the benefits of the proposal that we develop. It isn't a tradeoff between no development and unfettered development. County residents need to know that without zoning certain values and resources could become limited, devaluing their property.



Set background

Clear frame

Build and support functional political climate and common ends

I sense some reservation moving forward with regulations due to uncertainties they might conflict with individual property rights. We may need the services of property rights experts to consult on whether zoning may or may not impose on property rights within the HVPA.

We must focus on the commonalities that bind us all who live in the HVPA. We have much more in common than what divides us politically. Maintaining the focus on our common shared values is what brought people here together to successfully achieve a CIZ in our broader neighborhood.

We need to create an environment during public testimony whereby all persons feel welcome to testify, something that wasn't accomplished during the initial community hearings.

We should avoid the trap of identity politics (staunch political loyalty) to solve problems for our community and the public at large. Resolve to stay impartial, altruistic, and apolitical with a focus on objective problem solving. Let the politicians (decisionmakers) make the final choices based on best information and recommendations brought forward.

Would the current lawsuit against the County/ZAP members be political? Are they trying to influence how we will vote? All I have seen are a few people pushing their agenda. There has been no attempt to find a compromise solution!!!!

I sense there is some division between those living in the urban/suburban growth areas versus those living more remotely in the rural growth areas (eg. WUIs). How could zoning mend this perceived gap between the two politically?

