

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE

The following biographical information has been provided to us by the Steering Committee members (in alphabetical order):

Randy Flood

Randy Flood cut his teeth as a multifamily broker in San Francisco, CA and holds both California and Idaho Broker's License. He moved back to the Sun Valley area in the summer of 2008 to his home-community after 10 professional years in San Francisco selling real estate and managing investments. In March of 2010 he joined Windermere Real Estate as an associate broker, and works in both the Ketchum and Hailey offices.

Randy has been extensively involved with the community since moving back to the area. He is now married living in Hailey with his wife and two sons and loving it!

As a person who grew up in this valley, and having seen many resort markets and communities as a ski racer, Randy brings to the table a special perspective. In 2008, Randy and his wife, Aris, toured the country and Western Canada to see if there were other communities worth raising a family in. Durango, Revelstoke, BC, Bozeman, Jackson Hole, and other mountain communities were considered, but the Sun Valley Area made the most sense for them.

It is Randy's opinion that forward thinking and vision will assist with the challenges of continuing to have one of the most desirable communities in the West. "One only has to look at the Southern California cost line to envision how quickly the scenic ambiance can change. Change for better or worse is inevitable, and good planning is one of the ways to embrace change."

Dick Fosbury

Dick Fosbury was born in Portland, Oregon, and graduated from Oregon State University with a BS degree in Civil Engineering Technology. He became a full time resident in Ketchum, Idaho, in 1977, and co-founded Galena Engineering, Inc., serving as president until 2011. He served as City Engineer for Sun Valley from 1980 to 1990, and for the city of Ketchum from 1980 to 2005, and also served with Mr. Harlig on the Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Board. He was appointed to the KART Board and served as Chairman until his retirement. In 2007, he founded the Idaho Chapter of the United States Olympians Association, has served as vice president of the USOA since 2004, and is currently Treasurer. He was elected president of the World Olympians Association from 2007-2011 and is currently a member of the Executive Committee.

Dick raised his family in Blaine County and is married to retired Dr. Robin Tomasi, living on a 20 acre farm. While retiring as an engineer, he continues to be involved in local community projects, helping to fundraise and volunteer, and coaching kids in Track and Field. He is currently a member of the Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Dick states, "I understand that the Blaine County Comprehensive Plan is critical to provide a foundation for our planning processes and a guide to our ordinances and regulations in protecting our values and our rights."

Len Harlig

Len received his Bachelor's and MBA degrees from UCLA, and did post graduate work in Education there as well. Following, and during, his career in business and management, Len served Blaine County in many capacities including Planning and Zoning Commission member and chair, Board of County Commissioner, and Friedman Memorial Airport Authority. He has volunteered with a multitude of community organizations, ranging from economic to conservation to medical to the arts.

Len makes the following observations about the Plan, "The Blaine County Comprehensive Plan should be the blueprint for the foreseeable future of the Community: setting out goals and visions; developing policies and programs to achieve those goals; and recommending tools for implementing the goals and evaluating the progress of achieving them, over time.

"I had been involved in the first major revision to the 1975 County Comprehensive during the years from 1987-1994, first as a member of the P&Z and then as a County Commissioner. I can offer the Steering Committee historical perspective, actual experience as an appointed and elected official, and deep commitment to the Community."

Lacie Hernandez

After living in many towns in Idaho Lacie decided to relocate from McCall to the Wood River Valley in 2007. Picking such a beautiful town with culture, recreation and opportunity wasn't difficult. She studied internationally; and has a B.A. in Sociology and received a certification in Conflict Management & Mediation from Boise State University in 2004.

Lacie has been employed with the Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL) since 2001. She has worked for IDOL in many capacities including; Unemployment Insurance, Employment Services, Business Solutions, and Training Programs. Lacie continues to strengthen IDOL's relationships within the community by involvement in the Sustain Blaine Advisory Group and College of Southern Idaho Advisory Group for Blaine County. She's also an entrepreneur. In 2011 she started Yellow Belly Ice Cream; a small artisan ice cream business in Hailey.

"As a member of the Steering Committee it is my hope to plan a framework which can provide a comprehensive examination of the community's strengths and weaknesses, and allow implementation of needed planning policies which provide direction for the future and the best possible development for long-term success. In the development of such a plan it should be reflective of the values, goals, and vision of the residents and communities in the Wood River Valley."

Will Miller

Will holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Environmental Planning) and a Master of Science in Fishery Resources (Limnology) from the University of Idaho. After completing his education, Will co-founded and was the Executive Vice-President of ATC Associates, a company that specializes in environmental testing and consulting. In March 2012, ATC Associates joined forces with Cardno, a global environmental and professional services leader. Cardno ATC has access to over 8,000 staff in over 290 offices worldwide to help clients achieve their project goals. In 1995, Will co-founded and served as CEO of the Environmental News Network, a leading source of environmental news and information on the Internet.

Currently, Will provides design, planning and regulatory compliance services for land development and environmental conservation projects. His work focuses on the coordination of interdisciplinary consulting teams (science, cultural, engineering and legal) to scope, plan, entitle, permit, and construct such projects.

Will was most recently, the environmental coordinator on the Heart Rock Ranch project south of Bellevue that has restored degraded spring-creeks and wetlands. Project partners include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy and Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Will has lived permanently in the Wood River Valley since 1993, has a daughter Sophia, and sits on the Levy Advisory Board (LAB) for Blaine County's Land, Water & Wildlife Program. "As a member of the Comprehensive Plan Update steering committee I plan to help identify future opportunities to conserve and restore Blaine County's environmental resources."

Naomi Spence

Naomi was born in a kibbutz in the Golan Heights of Israel. She came to the U.S. in 1980 where she primarily grew up in Seattle, Washington. She spent most of her professional career in major cities around the country such as San Francisco and New York City. Several years ago, Naomi stumbled across Hailey while on vacation visiting her sister. She never left and underwent a major change as she slowly adjusted from the distractions of city life. The peacefulness of this small mountain town forced her to really take an introspective look at herself and figure out what is most valuable in her life.

Naomi discovered a new-found passion for helping others when she came across a wilderness program for troubled youth based just outside of Shoshone, Idaho. She began working in August of 2004 as a wilderness instructor. Naomi spent most of her weeks in the desert working with the girls' group. The connection that is created between a group of women making their way in the desert through personal growth is magical and marks an amazing evolution of girls into women. Naomi became the Field Director in February of 2006 and remained there until October of 2008.

After four powerful years, Naomi felt it was time to become more closely connected with her own community. As the issue of hunger rapidly grows, she is tremendously excited to bring her skills to serve the residents of Blaine County as the Program Director of The Hunger Coalition. Currently, Naomi resides in Hailey with her husband, Matt, and daughter, Ginger. She has developed a strong passion for fly fishing, gardening and anything to do with the outdoors.

Linda O'Shea Thorson

In the 25 years she has resided in Blaine County, Linda has been engaged in diverse civic and volunteer efforts. She served on the board of the Blaine County Housing Authority for five years, the last two as its Chairperson (2008-2012), and on the Sun Valley City Council for six years (1995-2002). She was the first Executive Director of Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence, as well as a guardian ad litem with CASA, a former board member of Idaho Women's Network, New Theatre Company, St. Luke's Women's Resource Center, the Vestry of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and on the grants committee of the Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation. Linda is married to Jon Thorson, former Sun Valley mayor. They reside in the County north of Hailey.

Her planning experience includes chairmanship of the Sun Valley Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and budget and strategic planning that furthers the BCHA mission to create safe, attractive and affordable housing for low- to middle-income workforce. She believes the success of plan implementation is derived from broad public input balanced with advice from expert professionals and solid funding.