

Key ideas and phrases (brainstorming) from the meeting:

- Protecting natural resources, water quality, protecting water sources.
- Looking out for economic development as well.
- Protecting unique characteristics of the area.
- Preserve the viability of the community while preserving its uniqueness at the same time.
- Preservation of locally owned, locally-focused resorts. Preserving the unique character of the local resort environment.
- Preservation of local business, locally-owned businesses. Locally owned businesses can create and preserve a unique and special character of an area.
- Supporting the year-around community in the Priest Lake area.
- Preserving trees and rural landscapes. No screening of parcels might be an issue (logging, clear cutting).
- Preserving dark skies.
- Services (safety etc) have a difficult time keeping up with demand in the summers.
- Schools are at low capacity.
- Preserving the existing natural lake environment. Preserving water quality and wildlife.
- Case-studies can be helpful (look at other communities similar to Priest Lake for ideas and inspiration).
- Encourage and preserve local medical services. Encourage emergency services development.
- How can people who want to stay, find a way to stay?
- Environmental funding is challenging.
- How can development be shaped to not overdevelop the area, or change its character in unfavorable ways?
- Development should complement what is here.
- Preserve and encourage the economic viability and vitality of existing businesses. Support what is here, and what we have. Support the economic base of the community.
- Transient community members, what is the economic impact of that? What is the impact on community participation and community life with a large number of transient homeowners?
- Preserving peace and quiet.
- Fire is a large issue for the Priest Lake area. Fire education, fire preparation are issues we may want to look at.
- Priest Lake is in interconnected mesh of local (private), state, and federal land. Tourism is heavily dependent on state and federal land.
- What is the carrying capacity of Priest Lake? How many people can the area support?
- What are the carrying capacity of the local sewer districts?
- Preserving viewsheds/view corridors, for example along roads.
- The Priest Lake economy used to be more self-supporting, what about the economy has changed? Can it change back?
- Rec facilities might be desirable in appropriate areas (bowling alley, rec center, etc).

- Variable demand on infrastructure throughout the year is a challenge, summer is very different from winter.
- Road maintenance is a challenge.

Bob Mansfield nominated Larry Bryant for Committee Chair
Brent Guyer second
Larry Bryant is chair

Jill nominated Brent
Terry Hill second
Brent is Vice chair

How do we organize outreach? What do we want to do?

Familiarize with resources (website, maps)

Rural Idaho report