

THE LONG RANGE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD OPERATION:

AS THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMISSION EXISTS, VERY LITTLE IS ACCOMPLISHED BY THIS BOARD

THERE IS VERY LITTLE COORDINATED LONG RANGE PLANNING DONE BY CITIZENS GROUPS, THIS EVEN PERTAINS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

THE DEMOGRAPHY AND MATERIAL GROWTH OF LONGMONT AND THE REGION ARE CHANGING RAPIDLY AND THE COUNCIL LACKS A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE VARIABLES AFFECTING OUR CITY. WHAT ARE THE AFFECTS OF CHANGE AND WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD.

IF LONGMONT IS TO CONTINUE TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL PLACE TO LIVE THEN WE NEED A LONG RANGE CITIZENS GROUP THAT EVALUATES THE VARIOUS VARIABLES THAT AFFECT THE COMMUNITY. THE LRPC WILL ALSO LOOK AT VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR ADAPTING TO THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE AROUND US.

THEY WILL DELIVER THESE FINDINGS TO THE COUNCIL

SOME FUNDIMENTAL POLICY AND OPERATING CONCEPTS OF THE LRPC:

- THE LRPC WILL BE ADVISORY ONLY.
- THE CITY ORDINANCE NEEDS TO BE REWRITTEN TO REFLECT ITS NEW ROLE.
- THE SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE LRPC NEED TO COME FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.
- THE CITY STAFF IS OVERBURDENED AT THIS TIME AND THE LRPC NEEDS TO WORK INDEPENDENT OF THE STAFF
- THERE WILL BE PRCESS STRUCTURE THAT GUIDES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LRPC
- THE LRPC WITH APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MAY REFER PROJECT TASKS TO AD HOC GROUPS. THESE GROUPS CAN OPERATE AS COMMITTEES, STUDY CIRCLES, AND RESEARCH GROUPS.
- THE LRPC WILL PRSENT A BUDGET FOR EACH STUDY.
- THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UTALIZE THE BRIGHT PEOPLE WHO APPLY TO OUR BOADS BUT WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE FOR THESE PEOPLE. THIS IS A CITY FULL OF ENERGETIC GREAT MINDS THAT HAVE ASKED FOR A ROLE IN HELPING OUR CITY BECOME A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

THIS NOTE IS A START. I WOULD ASK THAT OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS READ THIS AND CRITICALLY COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL.