



Post Falls SmartCode Calibration Charrette

The City of Post Falls, Idaho embarked on a weeklong planning process in October 2006, where citizens, elected officials, business leaders, and city staffers discussed the future development of Post Falls. As a member and sub-consultant to PlaceMakers, **HFA** played an integral part in planning and executing the Charrette. During the Pre-Charrette visit to Post Falls, **HFA** interviewed key stakeholders, conducted photodocumentation, and arranged the logistics for the charrette, from the accommodations and computer equipment to stakeholder meetings and workshops. **HFA** also developed the materials for the Visioning Chip Game to identify desired community development patterns.

A few weeks later, **HFA** joined the Post Falls Charrette Team in Idaho to help the City envision development that focused on their priorities of sensible growth, real neighborhoods, and vibrant communities. The Charrette Team toured the town, met with a variety of stakeholders, and provided many activities to engage the community. Participants were asked to take an on-line Visual Preference Survey (VPS) and to play the “Chip Game”, which allowed them to see how current codes and regulations hindered their vision of future growth in Post Falls.

The Charrette Team worked diligently to incorporate the visions and concerns that participants voiced during the opening sessions, and presented initial ideas to a group of 60 eager people. Feedback from this session was incorporated into the final presentation, which provided information for the six Transect Zones that will form the basis of the new zoning code.

While the time in Idaho ended in seven days, the Charrette Team returned to their offices to write the final report. **HFA** provided policy recommendations to help Post Falls develop affordable housing and preserve open space. Please visit www.sensiblegrowthinpostfalls.com for an in-depth review of the charrette process.

Client:

PlaceMakers

Location:

Post Falls, ID

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- public involvement
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- urban design
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- meeting management
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