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## Commissioners speak out on Somers meeting

By Flathead County Commissioners

The Flathead County Board of Commissioners supports civil public discourse as integral to our cherished and unparalleled tradition of a representative form of government.

The deplorable behavior of a few at the meeting held at the Somers Middle School on June 16 will not be tolerated. The Flathead County Planning & Zoning Office staff was invited to present information regarding Neighborhood Plans and attempted to do so with complete support of the Flathead County commissioners.

State law is very clear that communities have a right to form neighborhood plans, and more importantly, the right of communities to meet peaceably to gather information so that informed decisions can be made must not be subverted.

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