

**Latah County Planning Commission**  
Minutes, 1 January 2003

Planning Commission [PC] Members: Skyler Schlueter [SS], John Hunt [JDH], Suvia Judd [SJ],  
Kathleen Warnick [KW], James Smith [JS], Janet Hohle [JH], Louise Barber [LB];  
Planning Director, Michelle Fuson [MF]

**Present/Absent:** SS, JDH, KW, JH, JS, LB present; SJ absent. Staff: MF.

**Meeting:**

12/12/02 minutes accepted. MF presented feedback from public meeting on Moscow Area of City Impact [ACI]; CC is leaning toward the county doing everything (permitting, enforcement), the area shrunken in size, and having a new set of ordinances designed for the ACI that would be much like the city's current ordinances. The county attorney suggests that any ordinances, zones, etc., should be in place before the process moves forward. County is now waiting for the city to respond.

MF further noted that the CC have joined the case against the Naylor Farm water use. JS wanted to clarify whether planning commission members had the right to testify; letters from anyone quite okay.

PC renewed discussion of 3.04.07 (Flood Hazard); MF will define "development" in 3.02.06 (should include well, septic system, gas and power lines, etc.). Septic systems should not be near streams or in flood plains (nutrient levels often from failed septic systems, although it was noted that continuous leakage from failed systems cause most of the pollution, not instances of flood damage to septic systems). This issue should be an opportunity for public education; the DEQ, etc., should be doing the enforcing, but the permitting agencies need to be brought on board if the PC strengthens this ordinance. PC needs to discover the rules for the different agencies (e.g., the health department rules); MF suggested inviting Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss this with the PC. Roadways/driveways, sewer, gas, utility, bridges in floodplain discussed.

3/02/05 (Prohibition on new activities): last sentence of first paragraph to read "there shall be no new residential development on parcels created entirely within the floodplain after \*\*\* the date of this ordinance \*\*\*". MF will work on definitions of development (3/02.06). 3/04/07 will be mostly eliminated, since residential development in the floodplain will be severely curtailed.

Article 4. MF will make various editorial/language changes in both permitted and conditional uses sections.

Next meeting: January 21, 2003, 5:50 pm, **Room 207**, County Courthouse. Discussion will continue on articles 4, 6, 7, 9.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ 15 January 2003  
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