

Latah County Planning Commission
Minutes, 15 May 2007

Planning Commission [PC] Members: Suvia Judd [SJ], James Smith [JS], Janet Hohle [JH], Louise Barber [LB], Steve Heick [SH], Jordan Kanikkeberg [JK], Robert Henriksen [RH].
Planning Director, Michelle Fuson [MF]; Chris Nicholson [CN]

Present/Absent: SJ, JH, JS, SH, JK, RH, LB present. Staff: MF

Packet: none

Handouts: Agenda; materials for Comprehensive Plan [CP] brainstorming; copy of CP

Meeting: MF: reported that our changes to the PC bylaws are not possible, according to the Hearing Procedures Ordinance, No. 253, established on 9/8/04 by the commissioners (“... The Chair of the Planning or Zoning Commission shall only vote in the case of a tie vote between the other members. If a tie vote occurs, the Chair may continue consideration of the issue to a later date, reopen the hearing to allow new testimony, or table the issue, upon a majority vote of the Board or Commission”). MF further reported that the Genesee Area of Impact process is still on hold.

JH: initiated the CP “Amendment Process Planning”; PC discussed:

- 1) Planning Commission Goal: determined that PC needed to “revise or update the CP within 12-18 months.” MF suggested that keeping it limited in time would allow retention of both participants’ understanding and audience make-up.
- 2) Problem Statement: determined that “the CP may need revision.”
- 3) Data gathering: PC members brainstormed why the CP may need revision.
- 4) Analyze data: PC to take the brainstormed suggestions home and categorize them by “six universal variation sources”: man, machine, method, Mother Nature, material, measurement.

Step four is the PC “homework” for the June 5 meeting; since this process is ultimately going to go to the public, we need to design the process. A strong sentiment expressed that a defined process will make the public-input sector much better and more reliable than the way PC conducted the ordinance revision.

Next meeting: 5 June 2007, Room 2-B, County Courthouse; 5:30 pm.

Submitted by Louise D. Barber, 4 June 2007