

Latah County Planning Commission Minutes
Minutes, 18 September 2007

Planning Commission (PC) Members: Suvia Judd (SJ), James Smith (JS), Janet Hohle (JH), Steve Heick (SH), Jordon Kanikkeberg (JK), Robert Henriksen (BH).
Planning Director, Michelle Fuson (MF): Chris Nicholson (CN)

Present/Absent: SJ, JS, JH, SH, JK, BH present, Staff: MF

Packet: Agenda: Industrial Property Development, Zoning and Planning Commission combined, Land Use transferred to Zoning Commission, Development of Comprehensive Plan, Public Participation Plan Development

Handouts: Workshop Agenda for public opinion of views

Meeting: JH reminded members of the Industrial Property Development Plan that the state requires an approval date.

Discussion of combining Planning and Zoning Commission member transfers. This process was attempted some years ago with little success. The attitude appears much better now according to SJ and JH.

SJ and JH talked about the Land Use decisions being transferred to the Zoning Commission.

MF talked about the development of the Comprehensive Plan and her request was to meet individually with members concerning the concept on the Comprehensive Plan and why we need it in our county.

JH presented handouts for Public Participation Plan Development. SJ wants to make this plan available to anyone interested in the county. SJ suggested approaching clubs and organizations, within the county, with workshop agenda. BH and Murray felt the need for the public to be notified of this plan before any individual clubs or organizations be approached. The Workshop Agenda, in its format, was presented to the members of the Commission as suggested. What followed was a lively discussion among different members that had been divided into small groups. Each individual had a place that was special to him or her and why they liked it. They also described activities that they enjoyed and the locations within the county to participate in this activity.

The description of a positive experience with local government was not as easy to arrive at. After some thought each person described a positive experience of some kind.

Each pair reported partners response to questions. It was a very positive experience for everyone.