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Meeting Notes for October 17, 2007

Planning Commission Members Present: Janet Hohle, Suvia Judd, Jim Smith, Steve Heick, and Bob Henriksen.

Planning Department Staff: Michelle Fuson, Aimee Shipman

Meeting notes for the September 4, 11, and 17 meetings of the Public Participation Committee were approved as submitted.

A special award of appreciation was presented to Jim Smith, retiring Planning Commission member, by the Latah Board of County Commissioners. Presenting the award was BOCC Chairman Tom Stroschein, Commissioner Jack Nelson, and Commissioner Jennifer Barrett.

A joint Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was held for the remainder of the session. The Planning Commission presented to Zoning Commission members Sprouse, Hagedorn, Priest, and Agidius the proposed Public Participation Plan to use in the review and possible amendment process of the Latah County Comprehensive Plan. Part of the presentation was an abbreviated version of the public workshop to be used to engage the public initially in the comprehensive plan review process. The workshop consisted of two person interviews on the parts of Latah County each enjoys and why. A larger group discussion reported on each paired interviews. Summary: several people reported they liked their home spaces, all reported they appreciated open spaces, the variation in terrain, vegetation types, and land uses. The draft Public Participation Plan is attached.

When asked for specific recommendations for amendment to the Latah County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Commission members said the Comprehensive Plan Map needed to be addressed. They also asked that review of the existing document look to the possibility of adding more specificity or guidance in the language.

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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