

## Meeting Notes for December 18, 2007

Planning Commission Members Present: Jon Akin, Suvia Judd, Steve Heick, Bob Henriksen, Janet Hohle and Danelle Forseth.

Planning Department Staff: Michelle Fuson

### Public Meeting

Public hearing began at 5:40 PM. JH read proposed amendments to ordinance. There was no public comment. The public hearing closed at 5:42 PM. SH moved that the changes to the ordinance be approved as read. Motion passed by BH, JA, JH, SH, DF. SJ not in attendance at time of vote.

### Action Items Identified in Meeting:

PC members to consider what groups they would like to contact as part of public announcement.

PC members to review public participation workshop agenda and think of additional questions to include.

### Discussion Items:

PC meeting began at 5:45 PM.

JH put together data collected from the court house workshop. It was presented in data sets of varying formats. The PC reviewed. SJ commented that we are trying to conduct an appreciative inquiry. JH suggested finalize the public participation plan on the county website and posting the results of each workshop. SJ commented that there are more steps involved in the appreciative inquiry process. It was noted that the PC will develop a uniform process and in addition to the PC conducted workshops, will allow people to participate by getting information online.

The PC reviewed and adopted minutes from three prior meetings. SJ had amendments to the 12/3/07 minutes. The meeting minutes from December 3, 2007 were approved as amended. The October 16, 2007 meeting minutes were approved. The September 18, 2007 minutes were approved as amended.

MF passed out an initial draft of the public workshop notice. The notice was open for discussion. MF reported on the cost to send the notice via postcard to non-Moscow county residents versus all county residents. The PC discussed as an alternative to a wide spread postcard mailing conducting a targeted mailing because expected response to a wide spread mailing would be low.

PC discussed what information would need to be included on website in regards to the public participation plan. Potential items to be included are the public announcement, workshop agenda, public participation plan and data sets. The PC also discussed allowing users to answer the

workshop questions online; methods to track users were discussed including using email addresses.

A proposed start date for the workshop phase of the public participation process of February 1, 2008 was discussed and a target end date of July 31, 2008 was discussed. The PC discussed publishing the notice in the newspapers and co-op paper.

The PC reported on the lists of groups it compiled. The groups included:

Palouse Land Trust, Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, Senior Citizens-Friendly Neighbors, Road Runners, Eagles, Moose, Elk, Latah Co. Snowmobilers, Rural Alliance, MBS-Builder's Group, White Pine Riders, Sheriff Posse, Protect Our Water, Protect Our Palouse, MCA, GMA, Anti-Walmart Group, Viola Women's Club, Schools-Civics/Government Classes, Latah SWCD, Various Latah County Commissions (Parks/Rec., Youth Advocacy Bd., Hist. Soc., Hist. Pres., Study Table), Cattlemen's Assoc., Farm Service Agencies, Moscow Grange, Latah/Pomona Grange, Progressive Farmer's Alliance, League of Women Voters, FFAs, Latah Co. Democrats, Latah Co. Republicans, Churches, Libraries, Princeton Civic Center

Aaron Haines gave a presentation to the PC regarding a course he will be teaching spring semester on land use planning through the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho. He reported that the course will have about 110 students that he will break into 20 groups. Each group will conduct a project. He asked the PC how the students could assist the county. Possible project ideas presented by the PC included: comparing and contrasting how other similarly situated communities conduct their land use planning, looking at development decisions, wildlife protection, resource protection, easements, etc.; also researching other comprehensive plans, including how other communities (ID, WA, OR) format their plans; working as trend spotters (e.g., trying to identify the next big issues facing land use planning, global warming, climate change, etc.); conducting workshops, helping with data input; marketing; and an effective public participation group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.