

**LATAH COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Meeting Notes November 18, 2008

Meeting began at 5:30 PM

Planning Department Staff: MF

Planning Commission Members: CA, DF, SH, BH, JH, SJ

PC reviewed minutes from October 21, 2008. The Minutes were amended as read and approved.

Public Hearing

JH began the public hearing at 5:36

MF presented the staff report indicating that the changes to the ordinance were printed in blue and provided two written comments to the PC. The PC reviewed the written comments. MF explained in regards to a comment about the size of signs allowed that the standard road sign dimensions were used. JH opened the hearing up to public comment.

Jim Westberg commented on the short plat amendment. Specifically, he asked the PC to revise the language to be more clear and questioned why the exception was limited to existing accesses. Mr. Westberg explained that he thinks the exception should be available to anyone asking for access onto a state highway.

The PC discussed Mr. Westberg's first comment and suggested modifying the language to introduce the exception more clearly.

Murray Stanton then commented on the efforts the PC has made to address issues in a sensible way.

JH noted that there were no additional comments on the sign ordinance.

The PC then discussed the amendment to the ordinance relating to floodplains. MF explained that the FEMA maps were produced in the early 1980s by FEMA and that the County and the PC is aware of map inadequacies but that the BOCC has decided that it is the responsibility of individuals wishing to implement modifications to the FEMA maps to do so for themselves.

Mr. Stanton commented that there is other outdated information that the County relies, for example, snow load requirements and he stated that there should be a county engineer.

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The Public Hearing closed at 6:09

The PC then went on to consider modifications to the language of the short plat ordinance amendment. It was moved and unanimously adopted to modify the language to “Unless the following requirements are met,”

Discussion re: Comprehensive Plan

The PC discussed using Excel spreadsheets to disseminate the information gathered from the public workshops to the public. The PC considered a January 2009 date to begin reviewing the results from the workshops.

The members that attended the Latah County Grain Growers workshop reported on it. There were 16 people in attendance and the PC got some good input. There was a focus on chemical usage, neighbors, and land rights. The group also reported on the Troy Senior workshop which 53 people participated in. BH, JH and MF conducted mini-workshops with the Troy Senior attendees.

MF reported that she is organizing the workshop results under CP objectives/elements.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.