

# LATAH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Meeting Notes June 2, 2009

PC meeting began at 5:35 PM

Planning Department Staff: MF

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

PC reviewed minutes from May 5, 2009. The minutes were approved as submitted

### JH opened the meeting by hearing public comments

Rod Summerfield informed the PC that he owns property within the City and County and that he will be offering a 10 acre parcel of land for sale in the near future. Mr. Summerfield submitted a letter to MF for transmittal to the BOCC regarding the available property and his approximate asking price.

### Discussion regarding appointee to zoning commission

BH will continue to serve on the zoning commission through the summer.

### Discussion regarding comprehensive plan

MF provided transportation plans for the North and South Latah County Highway Districts to those who requested a hard copy; she will maintain a copy in her office for others to review.

MF reported that the County's legal counsel advised the PC to refrain from addressing the National Electrical Corridor element in the CP until formal notice is received.

### **Element #12 Land Use:**

PC would like to look at the four land use designations more specifically with the intent of directing development and enhancing development in some areas. PC discussed fact that the actual zoning doesn't reflect the land use map. PC questioned whether productive still a category. PC noted that the Area of Impact has become smaller. PC discussed distinguishing between East and West Latah County. BH commented that the productivity of land will dictate what will happen to the land long-term as will water availability. SJ would like PC to look at the entire CP through the lens of sustainability. PC discussed available resources in the County (e.g., soil, water, productivity). PC determined that Element #12 needs significant analysis.

### PC developed list of data to be compiled by County staff to aid in future analyses

- Statistical analysis of demographics
- Population growth

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- New building permits (addresses)
- Buildings destroyed
- Economic growth (employment statistics, current percentages)
- Number of Farmers (who is farming, who is leasing)
- Land divisions approved w/o house
- Which lands are not suitable for ag/forest based on actual usability
- Private/public forest
- Land ownership over CP map
- Public transportation (in hwy district plans, rails)
- Inquiry of suitability for business
- Wildlife corridors, habitat, plants
- Check w/ Ava for map updates
- CP comparable w/ sustainability focus
- #/location of home occupations
- Residential growth patterns
- Location/type of commercial/industrial development (existing/future)
- Mining/Aggregate sites with conditional use permits
- Wells drilled
- Well test information
- Fire potential map/WUI
- Overlay CP Map with soil productivity map
- Estimate maximum # of land divisions under current ordinance
- 15 year CRP (acreage)
- Historical stuff
- Staff/Zoning Commission identified issues

## Presentation by Sandra Pinel

Ms. Pinel would like to continue her students' involvement with the PC in the upcoming fall semester. Ms. Pinel requested feedback on the work done by her students in the spring '09 semester. JH suggested that it would be beneficial for the class to look at controversial issues that have arisen in the past (e.g., horses, dogs). Ms. Pinel will send a questionnaire to MF for distribution to the PC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.