

Meeting Notes for October 20, 2009 Latah County Planning Commission

Attending PC Members: Agidius, Heick, Henriksen, Hohle, Judd

Attending P&B Staff: none

The regular meeting of the Latah County Planning Commission was convened at 5:55 PM. The minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

1. The word "president" was replaced with "chairman"
2. Item #7 – the word "voice" was replaced with "voiced"
3. Item #7 – the word "to" after the word "make" was replaced with "too"

Dr. Sandra Pinel's class introduced themselves and two projects were discussed.

1. Identify special areas in Latah County to preserve using several specific planning tools.
2. Protect the rural character of the county to reflect responses to the question "What do you Value in Latah County" compiled from the PC workshops. This project will focus on identifying historical preservation issues.

There will be two groups of three students per project and one student will do a solo project. The solo project will develop an assessment protocol to identify natural resource areas for preservation focusing on high value resources: wildlife habitat, biological diversity, and water quality. The class will present their projects to the PC at the December 1, 2009 meeting.

JH handed out copies of the 2009 meeting minutes with highlights of issues to be addressed in the comprehensive plan amendment process and PC members were asked to review these topics for discussion at the next meeting. SJ would like to review the comprehensive plan through a filter reflecting sustainability and climate change.

There were two comments from members of the public at the meeting. Mr. Freeland of Viola presented an enlarged map of the area showing all of the parcels that have been divided in the area to illustrate the need to update the comprehensive plan map. He suggested the map needs to reflect current land uses to avoid future conflicting uses in areas that have changed since the last comprehensive plan map.

Mr. David Trail of Moscow suggested the UI class project looking at historic preservation issues might want to contact Rep. Tom Trail for information related to legislation he had been involved with previously.

The November 3, 2009 PC meeting was cancelled due to the elections. The next meeting will be November 17, 2009

Meeting notes are submitted by Janet Hohle