

LATAH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Meeting Notes 19 February 2013

PC Present: Heick, Hohle, Johnson, Judd

PB Present: Fuson

The meeting was convened at 5:40 PM and minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Reviewed staff drafted language for land division ordinance relative to Latah County Comprehensive Plan and related statute 67-6502 Idaho Code providing for the purpose of local land use planning. The PC also reviewed the cluster concept that had been investigated for the past year and reasons for seeking an alternative to that concept.

The PC discussed use of soil type to direct land divisions and if alternative concepts would be a reasonable substitute provided substantive guidance was enhanced in ordinance language; for example, criteria to direct dwelling locations within new parcels.

The minimum parcel size eligible for a land division was reaffirmed by the PC to be 10 acres. Discussions regarding alternative mechanisms to determine allowable divisions for existing parcels without regard to soil type will continue at the next PC meeting on 5 March 2013 as will any alternatives that incorporate soil type as criteria.

The PC agreed upon a timeline for decision making for the land decision ordinance as follows: Continued discussion on alternatives at the 5 March 2013 meeting, identification of the preferred alternative at the 19 March 2013 meeting at which meeting the selection of the public hearing date will also be made. The public outreach process will begin immediately following the 19 March 2013 meeting and this will include the following: news release to local media regarding the land division alternative selected, invitation to contact the Latah Planning and Building Department for further information, invitation to the PC to discuss ordinance change, and notice of future public hearing. The news release will also be distributed to the department's email distribution list and PC members will engage local citizens regarding the impending ordinance change. It was agreed to continue the discussion on public process and make a decision at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.