

Latah County Planning Commission
Minutes, 19 August 2003

Planning Commission [PC] Members: John Hunt [JDH], Suvia Judd [SJ], Kathleen Warnick [KW], Skyler Schlueter [SS], James Smith [JS], Janet Hohle [JH], Louise Barber [LB]; Planning Director, Michelle Fuson [MF]

Present/Absent: JDH, KW, JH, JS, LB present; SS, SJ absent. Staff: MF.

Handouts: Agenda; 8/5/03 minutes; process sheets for area of impact (one approved by CC; the other comparing processes within and without ACI); 7/24/03 document re. ACI by Moscow P&Z Commission; map of proposed ACI by city; draft of revised ordinances.

Meeting. Minutes for 8/5/03 approved. Discussion of ACI matters: MF noted that cities cannot annex land without an ACI. MF invited any of PC to attend the city's meeting on 8/27 (3:00 pm, City Council chambers), intended to be a discussion of the CC with the city. There is also a follow-up meeting on 9/3.

JS suggested that the city annex all the land out to their proposed "beltway," to which KW said there would be huge problems and that it should not happen. JDH questioned what the cost of various processes would be to county staff; would one or another entail more work; MF: there will be more work for both the PD and the CC; the county will have to review everything now due to the Blaha case; what makes a difference is which set of ordinances applies to what, and/or how rural vs. how urban land is; there is really not much difference between how the county and the city want to do things. The transportation issue that is important to the city (7/24/03 document) will probably result in a commission being convened because the CC would never solely rely on the city's transportation plan(s). PC suggests an ad hoc task force of city and county people to deal with transportation/planning issues within the ACI (importantly with participation from Highway District). This proposed task force or commission would allow for both city and county participation in, and ownership of, the process of transportation/land use planning outside the city limits. MF: Clarification or education is needed regarding planning for transportation issues because no entity has the ability to establish zones of no development for corridors (would be "inverse condemnation"). A motion passed to send a letter to the CC before the 8/27 meeting to suggest that all parties discussing the ACI must have proper legal understanding of "takings" and inverse condemnation issues; the letter will further suggest the creation by the CC of a joint transportation/land-use planning committee or task force.

The discussion of dog kennels was tabled; noise is the issue and how to deal with the problem needs more thought.

Next Meeting: 2 September 2003 at 5:30pm in the Latah County Courthouse, Room 2-B.

Submitted by: _____ 23 August 2003
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