

Meeting Notes for November 6, 2007

Planning Commission Members Present: Janet Hohle, Suvia Judd, Jon Akin, Jordon Kanikkeberg, Danelle Forseth, Steve Heick, and Bob Henriksen.

Planning Department Staff: Michelle Fuson

Action Items Identified in Meeting:

Each commission member is to compile a list of community groups to engage in the public participation workshops.

Each commission member is to review the draft public participation plan

Each commission member is to consider systematic ways to evaluate/analyze the comprehensive plan.

Discussion Items:

Meeting notes for the October 17 meeting of the Planning Commission were approved as submitted.

SH moved to appoint DF as secretary, BH seconded the motion, SJ moved to appoint JA as secretary, there being no further motions, DF was appointed secretary.

JH reviewed the commission's past activities regarding the review of the comprehensive plan. The process was set out in three stages. First a review of the comprehensive plan will be performed. This review will involve both internal review and public review and will include looking at the structure of the plan, the content of the plan and the plan map. Second, the comprehensive plan will be evaluated. The tools to evaluate the plan will include the public participation plan which is currently in draft form. The public participation plan will be conducted through workshops. Each committee member will be involved in conducting and participating in the workshops. The goal of the workshops will be to identify what people like, appreciate, and enjoy in regard to Latah County. Other tools to evaluate the plan may include a quantitative analysis of changes that have occurred in the county, a comparison of other similarly situated counties' comprehensive plans, and an analysis of the County's economic development and land use development. Finally, a schedule will be developed to guide the review, evaluation, and possible amendment of the comprehensive plan.

The next order of business involved a discussion of the public announcement for the public participation workshops. The announcement will be distributed to the public via: the plan-zone list, County website, tax bills, local newspapers, PSAs, schools, including student groups, and the court house e-mail system. SJ will draft the announcement and distribute to PC at next meeting for revisions/comments.

The next meeting will involve a trial run through of the workshop involving the Planning Department Staff, the Board of Commissioners, and the Planning Commission. The meeting will take place at 5:15PM Monday, December 3rd. There will be no meeting on November 20th.

It was noted that a public hearing will need to be scheduled regarding amendments to the ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.