

Meeting Notes for January 15, 2008

Planning Department Staff Present: MF

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

Public Attendees: Murray Stanton, Aaron Haines, Sandra Pannell

Meeting began 5:40PM

Action Items:

Contact groups to schedule workshops, need to wait until website up and public notice given.

Discussion Items:

PC reviewed minutes from December 18, 2007. Minutes were approved as amended.

PC and attendees introduced themselves to new member CA. BH nominated current slate of officers to reelection, JA seconded. JH President, SJ Vice-chair, DF Secretary. Unanimous approval by PC.

PC then moved on to discuss the public participation process. PC discussed questions from workshop, specifically whether they could be changed or added to. SJ explained that the questions are not etched in stone and they can be changed before the workshops begin. All questions are to be expressed positively. If an issue comes up we should try to reframe negative responses in a positive manner (e.g., a complaint about potholes can be reframed into an appreciation for nicely paved roads).

SJ explained that 2 or 3 PC members will attend each workshop. It was proposed that the PC also hold set scheduled workshops in Potlatch, Deary, Genesee, and Moscow.

SJ explained that the workshop is a tool to determine whether the CP needs to be amended, and secondly how? Groups that participate in the workshop can have a representative join the CP review process in an advisory capacity. CA discussed modeling the process that was used in the Ring-Road discussions.

DF mentioned the potential for bias in questions (e.g., area within Latah County or area within Latah County outside of Moscow city limits could lead to very different responses, Starbucks vs. natural area).

MF ran through the website: notice, workshop agenda, discussed including link re: CP information, link to survey. SJ proposed changing word "survey". PC agreed to use "questionnaire". PC discussed information to be collected from website participants, including first name, email address, zip code. MF explained that online responses will be emailed to her.

PC discussed the last two questions on the website re: CP elements; specifically whether they should be included. CA said those are important questions and that some people would be experienced enough to answer them. PC agreed to omit them from the workshop agenda but include them on a separate link on the website along with more educational information regarding CPs.

AH offered to have his students test the website. SP explained that she was excited to hear that the PC is taking the message to people and explained that a visual preference survey later on in process might be useful.

PC discussed the public notice. MF will send out public notice once website up and running.

PC distributed lists of groups to each member as follows:

CA – Latah County Board of Realtors, GMA, Latah County Republicans, League of Women Voters, Hist. Soc., Real Life Ministries, Rotary, Viola's Women's Club

JA – Elks, Moose, Eagles, Lions, MBS – building group, Kiwanis

SJ – Palouse land trust, MCA, Progressive farmer's alliance, Cattlemen's association, Anti-Wal-Mart, UU church, Democrats, Palouse prairie foundation

Murray – White Pine Lions, Latah County Rural Alliance, Hatley Horse, Church, Avon busy bees, Deary Fire

SH – Seniors, Road runners, Presb. Church, Lutheran church, snowmobilers

DF – Schools – FFA, Civics, Clubs (Moscow, Genesee), Libraries

BH – Schools – FFA, Civics, Clubs (White Pine, Troy, Potlatch, Kendrick/Juliaetta), White Pine riders, Sheriff Posse, Rural fire district (Troy)

JH – Latah SWCD, FSA, Farm Bureau, NRCS, POW, Potlatch Fire

Michelle – City of Moscow, 4-H, Hwy districts, Latah county commissions, POP, Moscow Fire/IDL

PC discussed policy re: contacting groups. We will conduct one hour workshops, do all the questions, try to schedule for the months down the line. PC agreed to combine the 1st two workshop questions into one question.

AH presented 8 potential projects for his students. SJ add an additional project – sustainable planning. Also discussed possibility of visual preference surveys and establishing a marketing group. AH will update his list of projects and send back to the PC. AH discussed Orton foundation grant.

SJ briefly discussed bioregional planning, different planning criteria for different areas, not one size fits all.

MF passed out the PC Roster.

JA volunteered to sit on ZC for 3 months

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM