

Latah County Planning Commission

Minutes 8/24/10

Latah County Courthouse Room 2B

Present: Steve Heick, Bob Henricksen, Janet Hohle, Suvia Judd, Absent: Cindy Agidius, Rod Parker

Meeting called to order at 5:45 PM by Chair Janet Hohle.

Minutes for June 1 and August 3 were approved.

The PC reviewed revisions and additions to date in the Comprehensive Plan, including appendices containing information about the County. No changes were made and the PC requested staff (Planner Michelle Fuson) to set a public hearing date for September 21 at 5:30 PM in Room 2B. (usual meeting time and place.)

The PC took comments from the public. Most of the feedback was from members of the Viola community speaking in favor of or against the proposed Land Use Planning Map change for a portion of the Viola area (east of the village) from ICR (Industrial/ Commercial/Residential) to a new designation AFR (Agriculture/Forest/ Residential. The change, which had been requested by a few members of the Viola community, was opposed by some because it would be a restriction on freedom, the PC heard. Chair Hohle also read aloud some comments on the proposed Land Use Planning Map change that had come in by e-mail.

A member of the public from between Viola and Potlatch, who was aggrieved with the Zoning Commission over one of its decisions, warned the PC that the Commission should be careful that its words (Comprehensive Plan,) no matter how well crafted, might be misunderstood or unheeded by the Zoning Commission, and urged the PC to take steps to prevent this.

Sandra Pinel, a faculty member from the University of Idaho School of Natural REsources, introduced some members of her graduate land use planning class, which will be using the PC as a learning venue this fall.

Meeting adjourned about 7:10 PM.

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Suvia Judd, acting Secretary