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- PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES -

(CALL TO ORDER)

The Planning Commission workshop was called to order January 14th, 2020 at 5:30 PM location Cusick Community Center I to review and discussion of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update called to order by Tom Watson District #2.

(ROLL CALL)

-Members in Attendance-

William Kemp District #1

Tom Watson District #2

Jean Hines District #2

Paul Edgren District #3

-Other Parties-

Greg Snow- Community Development/ Director

Mike Manus - P.O.C. Commissioner

Shentel O'Neal - Community Development/ Administrative Assistant

Ben Floyd/White Bluffs Consulting - Comp Plan Lead Developer

Mike Lithgow - Kalispell Tribe of Indians

Open to all members of the public

(APPROVAL OF MINUTES)

Move approval to the next Planning Commission Meeting in February due to lack of quorum.

Review and Discussion of Draft 2020 Comprehensive Plan Chapters

(Review and discuss and additional comments on revised draft section 7 – Utilities (previously provided)).

(Review and discuss any additional comments on revised draft section 8 – Essential Public Facilities (previously Provided)).

Ben Floyd called for final corrections comments on sections 7 & 8 before moving forward. It appears the Planning Commission feels the county could support higher density. The next step in this process is finding out which water and sewer facilities have extra capacity and the ability to serve future growth.

(Review and discuss partially revised (some pending items to discuss with county public works) draft section 4 – Transportation (Provided)).

Ben Floyd this section a large amount of background data has been removed from the original text. The information removed was repetitive in many places throughout multiple documents.

Ben Floyd addressed the transportation goals any updates or questions?

Tom Watson under policy four wanted to know If any different language needed to be added to this section.

Ben Floyd Felt it better to leave policy four more general.

Public Comment – Bob Eugene Fire wise Design should be referenced under this section the county has long dead ends, one way out drives. I would like to see the county create more access to these parcels.

Tom Watson asked where he could find the minimum standards for these road accesses.

Greg Snow the minimum road standards will be incorporated into the subdivision code.

Ben Floyd will add language into the transportation Policy #10 under evaluate proposed developments.

Ben Floyd section 4.74.4 Existing Conditions, proposing to trim way down.

Ben Floyd will remove outdated tables from text update with newly updated tables.

Ben Floyd kept the heavy vehicles section on page 11. Discussion, content unchanged. The county's minimum road standards are C the County's major collectors consist of A. This updated information will be incorporated.

Ben Floyd gave an update that the County just adopted a road safety plan there will be a reference to this in the new plan.

Ben Floyd added information under Scenic By ways on non-motorized trail information.

Ben Floyd added in discussion on the Pend Oreille Water Trails.

Mike Lithgow the Sweet Creek Trail system currently in place is an existing non-motorized trail.

Greg Snow the section ~~4.7.24.4.2~~ Non-motorized transportation the Pedestrian Paths were completed in 2018 a wider shoulder was put in.

Ben Floyd section ~~4.7.34.4.3~~ Rail discuss latest status and updated information.

Ben Floyd in Section 4.84.5 traffic and level of service the calculations have been completed to determine the average daily vehicle counts and now we are updating arterials Lets cut this section down.

Paul Edgren in order to maintain all the roads currently maintenance quoted two hundred and fifty thousand dollars additionally this year to add the gravel needed to properly maintain the roads.

Mike Manus wanted information added about the airport at Sullivan lake owned and operated by the U.S. Forest Service and open to the public.

Ben Floyd agreed to make these updates to the plan.

Review and discuss partially revised (some pending items to discuss with County) draft Section 9 – Capital Facilities (Provided).

Ben Floyd the county currently has a spreadsheet that tracks county facilities. The County is ready to update the Capital Facilities plan around the same time which the comprehensive plan update.

Ben Floyd Removed all the Shall verbiage from Capital Facility Policy's 1 through 10.

Ben Floyd on page 9 Table 9.1 County Capital Facilities note the table then take the table out but leave a reference to link that will be updated annually.

Ben Floyd Called for any further questions or comments on goals and policies, no comments workshop progresses forward.

Bend Floyd Section 9.5.1 Existing Conditions and Level of service standards added in verbiage straight out of WAC from Benton and Grand County.

Bend Floyd six-year quality improvement plan incorporated by reference.

Ben Floyd no level of service adopted yet for public utility districts under transportation.

Ben Floyd improvements to public facilities identified in other plans. The county must do a six-year review to determine existing conditions, planned improvements, funding, source and estimated costs.

Public Comment do the capacity projections include water services to Diamond Lake?

Ben Floyd These projections will be available at the next meeting.

Public Comment the reason for the inquiry is because Diamond Lake, has two separate maps one for water and one for sewer. Two different boundaries under the same service provider for different services.

January 25th Due date for final comments and corrections on Capital Facilities Improvements 9.0 Section.

Review and discuss revised Sensitive Areas Code (attached). Please note that the timing for formal review and adoption of revisions to this code is uncertain. Changes to the code are in effect also proposed amendments to the county's Shorelines Master Program.

Update Greg Snow met with Responsible Growth Northwest suggested proposed revisions that will need to be updated. Still determining approval process for these changes.

Ben Floyd felt overall the Sensitive Area's Code section is still complete and relevant only basic changes will would need to be made. Any edits on pages 6 and 7 only updated to reflect current values also updated category 1.2 under wetland.

Ben Floyd Protected buffers could shrink and still not negatively impact these streams.

Ben Floyd using the Best Available Science for wetland ratings by the Department of Ecology which was updated in 2018.

-Updated publications

-Updated mitigation ratios these are the ratios the Department of Ecology expects to see in a document.

Public Comment the geologic hazard areas the fault lines could be added to this section.

Tom Watson narrowing these setbacks has been approved by the state and other state agencies.

Ben Floyd these proposed reductions fall under all the current regulations, laws etc.

Ben Floyd these values will meet the Department of Ecology's minimum standards and Fish and Wildlife. Incorporate a reference to the Memo (The Science Justifies Both Buffer Options).

Ben Floyd page 64 Critical Aquifer recharge areas struck out info on partnership.

Ben Floyd The applicant must show they are not disrupting the groundwater. This same exact process is fully operational in Stevens county currently.

January 25th Due date for Environmentally Sensitive Areas Chapter XX.36 corrections or revisions due.

Overview of draft map folio (Provided).

Ben Floyd sixty-eight thousand acres would be moved under the Natural Resources designation. Eight thousand three hundred and twenty-seven would move to another designation other than Natural Resources.

Public Comment request a map that shows the divide between state, federal, public and private lands. They felt this would be beneficial in creating all the layered elements needed before compiling a complete plan.

Public Comment Hi-Test changed from public land to rural confirm if this is appropriate or if natural resource would be a better designation.

Public Comment how are we going through each one of these sections and making sure we aren't missing any of these possible miss designations, Discussion.

Public Comment This maybe the opportune time to go through these parcels that do not match the criteria with its designation existing non-conforming lots, Discussion.

Ben Floyd final comments, corrections or additions must be submitted by January 25th, 2020 to be updated in the matrix's questions and answers.

Next Steps:
Ben Floyd/WBC

Planning Commission Comments on draft documents for the Memorandum due by January 25th, 2020.

(Adjourn)

The Planning Commission Workshop adjourn 8:00 PM Motion by Jean Hines, Second Paul Edgren – Unanimous Next Meeting February 11th, 2020 at the same time and location.