

**Lewis County Planning Commission  
Public Meeting  
Lewis County Courthouse  
351 NW North St.  
Chehalis, WA 98532**

**Meeting Notes  
October 27, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Planning Commissioners Present:** Bill Russell, Mike Mahoney, Rachael Jennings, Richard Tausch, Army Davis

**Planning Commissioners Excused:** Jim Lowery, Bob Guenther

**Staff Present:** Phillip Rupp, Barbara Kincaid, Michael Kroll

**Others Present:** Please see sign in sheet

**Handouts/Materials Used:**

- Agenda
- Meeting Notes from October 13, 2009
- Staff Report re: Lewis County Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Memorandum: Rezone Application #156
- PowerPoint on Public Works Six Year Transportation Plan

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The Planning Commissioners introduced themselves.

**II. Old Business**

**A.** Chairman Jennings entertained a motion to approve the meeting notes from October 13, 2009. Commissioner Russell made the motion to approve; Commissioner Mahoney seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. New Business**

**A.** Chairman Jennings stated she would skip to New Business to hold the workshop on the Public Works Six Year Transportation Plan.

Mr. Mike Kroll, Transportation Planner, stated the six year transportation plan is a budgeting and planning tool used to program construction and projects for six calendar years, and it is also a requirement of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Mr. Kroll explained the selection process for deciding how projects are scheduled and funding sources that are used. The preliminary 6-year STIP has a budget of \$63.8 million with \$14.7 million projected in 2010. Ten of the projects are flood-related projects with an estimated budget of \$10.5 million. A PowerPoint showed the priorities, funding, and projects waiting for funding.

Commissioner Russell asked to discuss Cispus Rd. and Covell Creek area regarding the shared right of way with the Forest Service. He asked if we are allowed to spend BRAC money on federal lands. He understood that the only thing the County shares is the blacktop.

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Mr. Kroll stated the County has a maintenance agreement to maintain certain portions of those roads.

Commissioner Mahoney asked how the amount of fuel tax we receive is determined.

Mr. Kroll stated the County Rural Arterial Board has a complicated formula that utilizes population and other things and he believed the funding went directly to Public Works.

Commissioner Mahoney asked about where the funding is coming from for the Mickelsen Parkway.

Mr. Kroll stated it comes from the developers.

Commissioner Mahoney asked if the County controls the work but the funding comes from the development of the park.

Mr. Kroll stated it is put on the plan and there is a mitigation to complete the plan; the County controls the design, etc.

Commissioner Davis asked if federal funds are used for the roads inside Pe Ell and Harrison Avenue and Public Works just manages the contract.

Mr. Kroll stated Borst Avenue is not funded. The City of Centralia is looking for grants and Centralia would manage the contract.

Commissioner Davis asked why it is on the County STIP.

Mr. Kroll stated it is because Borst Avenue is one of the roads where half of the road is in the city and half is in the county. The City of Pe Ell is being funded by STP funds which are federal funds. All small cities receive a certain portion of those funds.

There were no more questions for Mr. Kroll and Chairman Jennings resumed with Old Business.

## **II. Old Business**

### **B. 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

Mr. Rupp stated the last meeting included a presentation on the adoption of language in the Comp Plan that would adopt the school capital facilities plans by reference into the Capital Facilities Element and other various language that needed to be revised in the Capital Facilities Plan itself. Mr. Rupp referenced the memo dated October 23 in the member packets. It includes the staff report that identifies those capital facility plans for the school districts that will be adopted by reference and the language that will be changed. At that meeting the Planning Commission took action to set a public hearing for November 10.

Commissioner Russell asked about changes to 17.115. Under sub (3b), "no critical area variances shall be granted except as needed to provide access and/or necessary utilities to the site". He asked if this is to accommodate an auction site.

Mr. Rupp stated that is correct.

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Commissioner Russell asked why we would need to breach a critical area to provide a driveway to get in and out.

Mr. Rupp stated the site that is currently under contract has a critical area on it that appears to be the only access off of the highway. There would be minimum infringement on the critical areas but they felt they needed this to access the property.

Chairman Jennings recalled that wetlands or critical areas that are being disturbed need to be replaced somewhere else.

Mr. Rupp stated that is correct and that would be a condition of the variance.

There were no more questions or comments and Chairman Jennings confirmed that this topic would be part of the public hearing on November 10.

Ms. Kincaid stated Application 156 needed to be separated from the rest of the Batch Rezones because the code requires a 30-day notice before a public hearing. Tonight is an attempt to pull them back together in the work shop portion. A public hearing was held on October 13 for the Rezones, excepting Application 156, and no one gave oral testimony. For the record, written comments were received from Department of Fish and Wildlife and Mr. Eugene Butler. For the most part those comments were favorable and this is an opportunity to answer questions following the public hearing.

There were no questions.

#### **C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Rezone Application #156**

Ms. Kincaid stated the first workshop was held on September 22 and this application has been moved to public hearing on November 10. She asked for questions.

There were no questions.

Ms. Kincaid stated the Planning Commission can anticipate a Letter of Transmittal after the final workshop on the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

#### **IV. Calendar**

The next meeting will be a public hearing on November 10 on the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Centralia UGA, Application #156, and 2009 proposed text and code amendments.

Mr. Rupp asked the Planning Commissioners to keep the October 23 memorandum which includes the staff report for all these items, as well as the recommendation for the Centralia UGA which was not articulated at the last meeting.

#### **V. Good of the Order**

No one wished to speak.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Adjournment was at 7:38 P.M.

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