

Lewis County Planning Commission *Workshop*

Lewis County Courthouse
Commissioners' Hearing Room - 2nd Floor
351 NW North St - Chehalis, WA

October 25, 2016 - Meeting Notes

Planning Commissioners Present: Russ Prior, District 3; Jeff Millman, District 2; Bob Whannell, District 3; Sue Rosbach, District 2; Stephen Hueffed, District 2; Leslie Myers, District 1

Planning Commissioners Absent: Mike Mahoney, District 1

Staff Present: Fred Evander, Pat Anderson

Others Present: Please see sign in sheet

Handouts/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Meeting Notes
- Comprehensive Plan Staff Report
- Draft Capital Facilities and Utilities Element
- Draft Glossary for Comprehensive Plan
- Draft Onalaska Plan

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Rosbach called the meeting to order in the absence of Chair Mahoney. The Commissioners introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

The meeting notes of October 11, 2016 were approved as presented.

4. Workshop on Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Evander explained the proposed changes to the Capital Facilities and Utilities goals and policies. There was a lot of discussion about small water systems. A question was asked about the county's role regarding the water systems. Mr. Evander stated the county provides input and all Group B water systems and private wells are processed through Lewis County Environmental Health. The advantage for the County is better management of water resources. Mr. Evander also stated that a decision by the State Supreme Court will greatly affect exempt wells in the future.

Another topic of discussion was sewer districts being allowed in LAMIRDS. Mr. Evander stated there are policies later in the document that support a sewer system in a LAMIRD. They would be operated under a water-sewer district or a taxing district.

Commissioner Prior asked if the Capital Facilities and Utilities Profile would also be updated. Mr. Evander stated it would be and it would have more data and less text.

Mr. Evander spoke about the glossary. He compared the goals and policies to the Growth Management Act (GMA) and a lot of the definitions are already in the GMA so he would like to delete those from the comp plan. There are also duplicate definitions; he thought there was very little use for the glossary, except it gives a place to define what rural character means to us. Commissioner Prior suggested that "rural character" has its own section. Mr. Evander agreed. He stated he would include rural character as an appendix (beginning on page 3 of the handout) as well as a list of acronyms.

Mr. Evander summarized the Onalaska Plan. He stated there would be some changes to the document distributed to the Planning Commission, which would include goals and policies and improved maps.

He pointed out that because Onalaska has water and sewer capacity it would not be that difficult to create a UGA there. He would like to talk to people in Onalaska about this concept and asked the opinions of the Commissioners. Commissioner Whannell stated he would like to be notified of the date of the visit so he could attend.

Mr. Evander stated the recreational concept map is to illustrate how various parts of the community can be connected to Carlisle Lake. State Route 506 would benefit nicely from sidewalks along a section.

The water and sewer capacity, when projected out over 20 years, is still under capacity. This also makes it very feasible for a UGA in Onalaska.

Mr. Evander referred again to the glossary, page 6 that defines "rural governmental services." This was originally referring to the waste systems from 90.48. He expanded it to make it clear that we are talking about sewer systems and they are within certain bounds. Those bounds include a LAMIRD, UGA, master planned resort boundary, or the bounds of an existing water/sewer district. It does not mean that we will allow more intense development where the sewer was expanded but it should not preclude service being provided to the area already defined as a sewer district.

5. Calendar

The next meeting will be on November 8, 2016

6. Good of the Order

There were no comments.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.