

Lewis County Planning Commission

Public Hearing

In-Person & Virtual Meeting via Zoom

October 8, 2024 - Meeting Notes

Planning Commissioners Present: Lorie Spogen, District 1; Jason Alves, District 1; Gretchen Fritsch, District 3; Jeff Skutley, District 2; Roger Moore, At-Large; Frank Corbin, District 3; Bob Russell, District 2;

Staff Present: Mindy Brooks, Director of Community Development.

Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Draft Meeting Notes – September 24, 2024
- SB5290 Bill as Passed Legislature

1. Zoom Guidelines

The clerk dispensed with the Zoom Guidelines.

2. Call to Order

A. Determination of a Quorum

7 Commissioners were present; there was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda for October 8, 2024. Commissioner Russell made the motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Alves. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Meeting Note

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the meeting notes from September 24, 2024. Commissioner Alves made a motion to approve the notes as presented, second by Commissioner Spogen. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Public Workshop – Senate Bill 5290

A. Staff Presentation: Mindy Brooks, Lewis County Director of Community Development, shared a presentation on the Senate Bill 5290.

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There was discussion regarding how to ensure there is sufficient time to resolve any disagreements. The proposal from staff was to allow the applicant to request an extension of the timeframe of up to 6 months. Commissioner Alves asked that it be longer. There was also discussion regarding when a denial would occur as it relates to the timeframe. Mindy responded that if additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project meets the Lewis County Code criteria and that information is not provided and the timeframe is going to run out, then the permit will be denied. However, the applicant can ask for an extension before that happens. If the applicant feels that the County denied the permit when they should have approved, then the applicant can appeal the decision.

7. Good of the Order:

A. Staff: The Comprehensive Plan Open House Events are on Oct 10, 11 and 12. The 10th is at Adna Grange at 3-5pm, the 11th is at the Mineral Lions Club at 3-5pm and the 12th is at the Randle Fire Station at noon-2pm. This will be the public's opportunity to review the draft changes to goals and policies and provide their comments. Because this is legislative, the Planning Commissioners are welcome to attend and to talk with the community about their thoughts. The results of the Open House events will be presented to the Planning Commission on Oct 22. Commissioner Corbin encouraged the Planning Commission to attend one or more of these events.

B. Planning Commissioners: None.

C. Calendar

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will occur on October 22nd, 2024, and the agenda items will be a workshop on the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.. Mindy Brooks recommends if the commissioners have questions about the timelines and workflow on the SB5290, they should attend the Process Improvement meeting the county holds. This senate bill will come into effect on January 1st, 2025, therefore there is little time to dive deep into the details of this bill during the Planning Commission meetings.

D. Adjourn

Commissioner Alves made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.