

**GRANT COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chairman: Bill Bailey
Vice Chairman: Dale Walker
Board Members: Ollie Click, Terry Dorsing, Jim Fleming, Blair Fuglie, Lee Graham, Jon A. Hatt, and James Turner
Secretary: Doris Long

COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM - GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, EPHRATA, WASHINGTON

APRIL 4, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Ollie Click, Terry Dorsing, Jim Fleming, Blair Fuglie and Dale Walker

Members Absent: Bill Bailey, Lee Graham, Jon A. Hatt and James Turner

Vice-Chairman, Dale Walker, presides over the meeting in the absence of Chairman, Bill Bailey.

Board Action:

Approval of February 1, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Fleming motions to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Click seconds the motion. Voted on and passes unanimously.

Mr. Walker swears in those wishing to testify at this hearing en masse:

Do you hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the testimony that you give is truthful and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief?

PUBLIC HEARING – Grant County, File # 12-5655, Unified Development Code Amendments – proposed procedural changes for Variances, Long Plats, Reasonable Use Exceptions, Appeal Bodies and Public Notice for Short Plats.

Senior Planner, Dorothy Black, presents the Staff Report to the Planning Commission members along with Agencies/Departments and Public comments that have been received.

Aaron Golladay, 23447 Road 8 SE, Warden, WA, previously sworn. Mr. Golladay explains that he was a member of the UDC Committee, and the Committee spent well over an hour reviewing, step by step, the proposed amendments with Staff. The Committee's conclusion was that by making the proposed changes the permitting process would become more streamline and impartial.

There is discussion among the Planning Commission members, Staff and Aaron Golladay, UDC Committee member. The majority of the concerns the Planning Commission express focus on those amendments that would reassign the Preliminary Plats, Planned Unit Developments and Variances to the Hearing Examiner.

The Planning Commission question if the change would be cost effective. Where does the Hearing Examiner travel from, and what would the difference in cost be? Is a Hearing Examiner, from a different county, going to

be able to cover the uniqueness and diversity of Grant County? The Planning Commission is made up of a varied group of nine individuals; representing the County on behalf of the citizens. By reassigning projects to the Hearing Examiner the feelings of the community, the citizens of the County, are lost.

Mr. Golladay explains, if the Planning Commission ensures that the County's Code and Ordinances are clear and up to date, as to what the County wants, they then should be clear to the Hearing Examiner, allowing him to make a straightforward impartial decision.

Public Testimony Opened

Aaron Golladay, 23447 Road 8 SE, Warden, WA, previously sworn. Mr. Golladay states he is in favor of the proposed amendments.

Public Testimony is Closed

Mr. Click states he is not in favor of the change. He feels the Planning Commission gives better representation, of the people of Grant County, than a Hearing Examiner would.

Mr. Fuglie explains the Planning Commission is a body of nine; only five members are present. Is this decision something that should be looked at as a whole body?

Mr. Fuglie motions that Project #12-5655 be tabled until the next Planning Commission meeting to be held in May.

Mr. Click seconds the motion.

ACTION: BLAIR FUGLIE MAKES A MOTION TO TABLE THE GRANT COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS UNTIL THE MAY 2012 HEARING. OLLIE CLICK SECONDS THE MOTION.

VOTED ON AND PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Workshop – Public Participation Plan for the Shoreline Master Program Update.

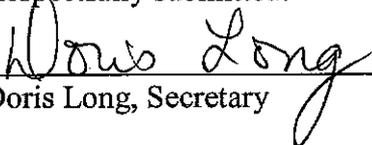
Damien Hooper, Planning Manager

Planning Manager, Damien Hooper, asks that the Planning Commission review the Grant County Public Participation Plan for the Shoreline Master Program Update. Any thoughts or questions they may have can be discussed at the next meeting. The document conveys how information regarding the Shoreline Update is going to be disseminated to the public.

Staff reports that there were four Comprehensive Plan Amendment applications received for the 2012 cycle.

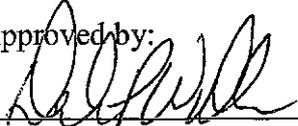
Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Doris Long, Secretary

Approved by:



Dale Walker, Vice-Chairman