

**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

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

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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM - PUBLIC MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Bill Bailey, Ollie Click, Jim Fleming, Blair Fuglie, Lee Graham, James Turner and Dale Walker  
Members Absent: Terry Dorsing and Jon A. Hatt

Chairman, Bill Bailey, opens the meeting and introduces Ben Floyd.

Ben Floyd, head of the consultant team from Anchor QEA, gives a brief refresher on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update and the planning process. Mr. Floyd explains that the key principles of the Shoreline Master Program are to balance environmental protection, public access and water oriented uses and no net loss of ecological function. The baseline for which the ecological functions are to be maintained will be established at the time the SMP is adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. Meaning, those ecological functions that are in place at the time of adoption, will have to be maintained into the future. Any proposed potential impacts would need to be minimized or mitigated.

The SMP will contain a cumulative impact analysis, a restoration plan and environment designations, which will be comprised of goals, policies and regulations. An environment designation is the Shoreline Master Program's equivalent of a land use designation.

Once the Shoreline Master Program has been drafted it will go through the local adoption process with the Planning Commission making a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. After approving, the County Commissioners would forward the document to the State, and the State would then have to approve. Public participation/workshops are also a part of the updating process.

Mr. Bailey asks if all of the affected property owners were notified. Mr. Floyd confirmed that those property owners were notified. Nearly 3,000 mailing notices were sent out containing information for this meeting, and the next one to be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Notices will also be sent out for future workshops, or if any significant information needs to be communicated.

There is discussion regarding the process that will be used to update the SMP. Mr. Floyd assures the Planning Commission that they will have as much time as they need to review and comment on the information through out the process. By State statute, the deadline for adopting the updated Shoreline Master Program is December of 2013.

Mr. Bailey states that this update is important to the property owners of Grant County. The Planning

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Commission would like to make sure that the citizens are well represented, and the choices made are realistic and reasonable.

Mr. Floyd presents a powerpoint presentation providing information from the inventory and characterization report. There are 80 lakes and 5 rivers, creeks or streams, located within the County, that have been characterized. To qualify as a shoreline jurisdiction waterbody, the stream's flow had to be equal to or greater than 20 cubic feet per second, on a monthly average, and the lakes had to be greater to or equal to 20 acres. Of those applicable waterbodies, the affected shoreline is defined, at a minimum, as the area extending 200 feet from the ordinary high water mark. Any intersecting wetlands are included, as well as those that are hydraulically connected. This resulted in 32,000 acres falling into the shoreline jurisdiction areas. There is discussion regarding which waterbodies qualified, including natural channels versus those created by the irrigation project.

As examples, Mr. Floyd displays mapping of different shoreline jurisdiction areas. He provides a brief explanation of the maps, and the findings from the inventory and characterization report. The Planning Commission discusses this information with Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Floyd explains the first meeting held was a visioning workshop, this meeting was an overview of the inventory and characterization and the next workshop will cover environment designations and associated goals, policies and criteria. This will be the beginning of developing the Program. Mr. Floyd reports to the Planning Commission that there may not always be a consultant available to attend future meetings, so as they move forward in the update process, the Planning Commission may want to meet on their own to discuss the provided information.

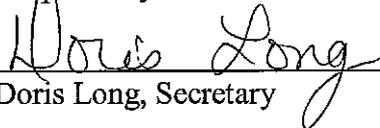
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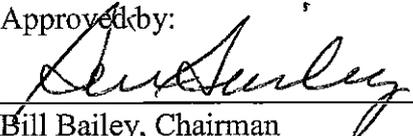
Approval of September 13, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Doris Long, Secretary

Approved by:  
  
Bill Bailey, Chairman