

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes

February 23, 2015

Chairperson Helmer called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Harris, Beatty and Hall. Also in attendance was City Planner Thompson.

Harris moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 commission meetings as presented. Beatty seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Transportation Element Public Hearing

Helmer opened the Public Hearing for the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan at 7:03 PM. Rory Cameron of Gray & Osborne has been working with Thompson in updating the Transportation Element. Cameron then presented via power point the Transportation Element to the Commission and Public. He gave an overview of the existing transportation system, transportation strategy and transportation goals and policies. Cameron showed the existing system volumes based on traffic counts they did at different intersections in the City. The Level of Service for both vehicular traffic and pedestrian level of comfort traffic was presented. The Strategy's presented in the plan are 1) Maintain the existing transportation network, 2) Improve safety of transportation system, 3) Improve system continuity by construction missing sidewalk, bicycle route and street links, 4) Upgrade existing infrastructure to adopted LOS standards and 5) Extend infrastructure to accommodate new growth. Cameron stated they choose 2030 to be consistent with Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, and 2040 to consistent with Puget Sound Regional Council's growth plan. The City chose to use 3% as a growth to be consistent with Comprehensive Plan, so that is how they got to the projected volumes. Cameron then went over the Goals and Policies with the Commission. The goals are: safety, design, connectivity

Tom Danzler, 29304 SR 410, Buckley. His question is are daily traffic counts for 2013 at Highway 410 and SR 165, are those accurate? Cameron stated yes, those counts were taken in 2013. Mr. Danzler stated the traffic counts for Wash DOT for that intersection were different and they show on their website as 2014. He was surprised that Wash DOT's numbers were significantly lower. He would like to request that the City get the most accurate numbers for 2015 at the Highway 410/SR 165 intersection.

Helmer stated reading the original submittal on the November report there is a term in here "lollipop street". Is this the same as a cul-de-sac? Cameron stated that is correct and we can

change the terminology if the Commission would like to. The commission decided to keep it cul-de-sac.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 PM.

Harris moved to forward the Transportation Element to the City Council for approval. Hall seconded the motion. Beatty stated her only concern about this is getting more up to date numbers for the vehicle counts. Mr. Cameron stated they could look at this. Without having to go out and do more counting we wouldn't be able to update the City's, so we would have a mix between 2013 and 2015. Discussion ensued. After discussion Mr. Danzler withdrew his request. It was agreed upon by the Commission to use the calculations that the Engineers provided because they are all for 2013. **The motion then carried.**

Zoning

The Planning Commission went over the zoning map with Thompson and discussed all the questionable zoning changes. There were some that changed and some that stayed the same. Based on the map that Thompson provided the Commission with all the areas numbered, the commission discussed in detail every section, their decisions are as follows: 1) leave it as is, except the City's property 2) the commission will discuss later 3 a,b,c) change to proposed 4) change to proposed with the apartments staying high density 5) will discuss later after the Binding Site Plan is completed 6 a,b,c,d,e) leave as is 7) change as proposed 8) leave as is 9) leave as is 10) hold until next meeting for zoning clarification 11) make it commercial with a condition noted on plan. Thompson will make the changes and present it to the Council.

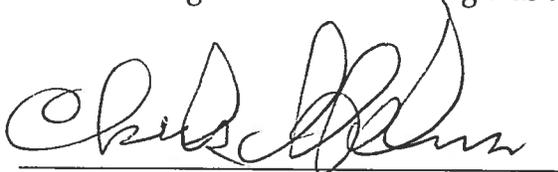
New/Old Business

Helmer asked for clarification from Beatty if she was going to help Thompson with the marijuana ordinance and confirmed that she would be.

The next meeting will be March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Beatty moved to adjourn the meeting. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.



Chuck Helmer, Chairperson