

City of Buckley

Planning Commission Minutes

May 19, 2014

Chairperson Helmer called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Harris, Howse, Leggett and Wink. LaVergne was absent. Also in attendance was City Planner Thompson.

Harris moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 commission minutes as presented at the meeting tonight. Howse seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Element 1, Introduction and Land Use

James stated she is struggling with this element. As it currently stands it is a little illogical and out of order, she was trying to make a comparison to what it is and what it should be. The difficulty is it jumps around a lot. The introduction is not a part of the land use element but rather the introduction to the entire Comprehensive Plan. There is no definition section within the land use element. She would like to add chapter within the Comprehensive Plan for definitions. Basically we have an introduction that's not part the land use element, we have a glossary and then we have the land use element. The land use element should have the things that all the elements in the Comprehensive Plan are based on so we only have to update them in one location. This is also where the population and impact fees will be taken from for all of the Comprehensive Plan. She is seeking help from the Commission. Howse and Wink stated they would meet with Thompson next week. Helmer stated after the email was sent to the Commission, he went and looked at five cities, nobody does their land use elements like ours is. They are very straight forward. The only one that seemed to be fairly applicable to Buckley was Orting. Their land use element is very straight forward to land use; they don't talk about any of the other elements within the land use element. Discussion ensued. Helmer suggested that the Planning Commission members research some of the other cities land use elements and then discuss what our plan should be. Thompson stated one other thing that is included in the land use element is the land use map. She then went over the map with the commission. She would like the commission to expand on the map for further discussion.

Element 4, Urban Design and Element 2, Housing

Helmer stated he put this on the agenda to remind everyone of the hearing and if you haven't already to review what we are putting forward to the public hearing to make sure nothing was missed.

New/Old Business

There was nothing to discuss.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be June 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM and there will be the Public Hearings on the Urban Design and Housing Elements.

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

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.



Chuck Helmer, Chairperson