

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes

February 9, 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.

Permit Tech Boyle stated there was one correction on the minutes and that is the date for approval of the minutes was incorrect, it should be January 12, 2015. **Hall moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 commission meetings as presented. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Review Elements 2, 3, and 4 (items 34-53)

Thompson stated she made a list from the State checklist and from comments that were made; one of the comments is that we were using the 2030 allocation rather than the 2035 allocation the State wants us to use. Helmer asked what she means by the State wants us to use this. Thompson stated the State requires by RCW that we plan for 20 years. The County is using it's 20 years from the census year 2010 and the State is using counting it's 20 years from the year 2015 so we are doing both. Helmer asked where in the Comp Plan requirements does it say 20 years. Thompson stated it is in the GMA but is not sure what section it is in. Helmer stated he carefully read multiple times the RCW for the Growth Management Act and our requirement to update it and everywhere in there it says 10 or more, so he is wondering why we are working toward 2030 and 2035 when the Comp Plan RCW doesn't say that. Thompson stated the County gave us an allocation of 2030 and we must meet that. Helmer stated he disagrees with that, but he will let the Council decide on that because he knows what the RCW's say and he is not sure we have any need to comply with the County direction when it is a State required document. Thompson stated if we don't meet the 2030 numbers the County will send this back to us and if we don't meet the 2035 numbers the State will send it back to us. Discussion ensued. There was a motion made to forward these several months ago but they have never been forwarded to the Council. Helmer stated he is rather discouraged with the fact that the elements the Planning Commission has completed have still not gone forward to the City Council. He is concerned that we are going to have to reinvent the wheel and he is not comfortable with that. Thompson stated all these comments and changes are just finishing touches. The Planning Commission then went through all the issues listed in the memo presented to the Commission and made changes and corrections as necessary.

Transportation Element hearing next meeting

Thompson stated in the packet are the Goals and Policies that the Commission designed in 2013, the City Engineer sent over the Transportation Element which included the old goals and policies, so he took those out and only put in the goals which was the last thing that was sent to us. Then he met with Thompson on the phone and they went through all the goals and policies that were sent back in February of 2013 and we now have goals and policies that she thinks reflects what we wanted in the first place. Helmer stated during the public hearing we dealt with safe routes and trails moving them from the Park Plan to the Transportation Plan. The commission really didn't get into the nuts and bolts of highways, intersections, roads, etc. because that is what the Engineer was going to come back with. Thompson stated we do have the sidewalk and trail plan that is on the web and we also have the future street plan. Discussion ensued. There was a brief discussion about deteriorating sidewalks and sidewalks that don't exist. Thompson stated the City Engineer will be here for the public hearing at the next meeting.

Land Use Element (items 1-33 & 54-68)

Thompson stated she will change the FLUM to the Comprehensive Plan Map. Thompson stated she is still working on the population allocations. She explained to the commission how she came up with population allocations based on the current zoning. There was a question about referring to the City encouraging health and wellness. The commission all agreed that this was addressed and it may be within the Park Plan. The Planning Commission went through all the issues on the memo as they did with the other Elements and made corrections and changes as necessary. **Beatty moved to forward Element 1 Land Use and Element 0 Introduction with the corrections that were made tonight to the City Council for approval. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Helmer stated due to the time, he feels we should discuss the maps at the next meeting. Depending on how long the public hearing is at the next meeting, discussion of the maps should be the next item on the agenda after the public hearing.

Helmer asked how close we are to finishing the Transportation Element. Thompson stated we are very close. Helmer will be presenting to the Council the four elements that we have finished. He will also inform them we will be holding the public hearing for the Transportation Element on the 23rd and that it is on the website for review. He would also like to let them know that the Capital Facilities and Utilities Element are both still with the Engineer and the we haven't seen or done anything with those and the Parks and Recreation Element we have done what we could do and that the City Administrator has that.

New/Old Business

There was none.

The next meeting will be February 23, 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 9:01 PM.



Chuck Helmer, Chairperson