

**City of Buckley**  
**Planning Commission/City Council**  
**Joint Workshop**  
**January 23, 2013**

**Mayor Johnson opened the workshop at 6:35 PM.**

**The following members were present from the City Council: Milt Tremblay, Bryan Howard, James Montgomery, Lyn Rose and Cristi Boyle Barrett. The following Planning Commission members were present: Chuck Helmer and Laverne Harris. Also in attendance were Mayor Pat Johnson, City Administrator Dave Schmidt and Planner Kathy Thompson.**

**Mayor Johnson stated that what the UW students will be doing is an update of the Comprehensive Planning Process. We are going to be doing the Highway 410 Master plan and also the WSU property. This is the second time the UW students have been here to help the City of Buckley. They were here in 2002, and we received a grant in 2003 from the National Parks Service to assist the plateau area communities with a visioning theme. The Growth Management Act required us to update the City's Comprehensive Plan in 2005 and we were selected by the UW to have the Masters of Urban Planning class assist us in these updates. For a small city like Buckley, that is a huge gift. The students worked really closely with elected officials and staff in conducting various public visioning/workshops, and brought in a lot of good ideas. We have identified in our Comprehensive Plan the recreational aspects of the community and the surrounding area as being key to attracting and promoting economic development. Central to this was planning for the development of vacant property along the SR410 corridor in a manner that would act as a draw to the downtown business area. The availability of vacant land on the City's RR-ROW in conjunction with its proximity to the Foothills Trail and downtown business core made this stretch of SR410 ideal for overlay zone development that would guide future use in a manner that supported the vision. Phase I of the SR410 Master Plan was developed in 2004 after completion of the Comp Plan, and Phase II was implemented in 2005 utilizing a \$10,000 grant from CTED. Full implementation of the overlay performance standards was delayed until the realignment project and zoning code updates have been completed. Regarding the WSU Ag Land, this is an area that the City has leased from DSHS; we have a long term lease on this property.**

What we want the Master Site Plan to look at is potential uses to maximize economic opportunity for the community while keeping in mind principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship, as well as other policies and goals that govern this area.

This is a lofty task that is being asked of the UW Students.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that the students will be working closely with staff, compiling data, doing analysis, evaluation, conducting public hearings, etc. Along with this meeting, there is also a meeting with the Planning Commission on February 25<sup>th</sup> and a Public Visioning Workshop in March. They will be coming up with development and performance standards and presenting them to the City Council and Planning Commission. The eventual result will be adopting and implementing something in the end. The City is very excited to have them here.

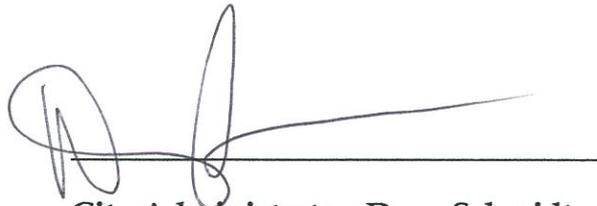
The students facilitated a comments/direction presentation asking the Council and Planning Commission what they envisioned seeing in the next five years for both the WSU Ag Land and the Highway 410 Property.

The Students, Council and audience members had a breakout session to give the students a chance to talk with everyone about the community and what is important, and to help them become more familiar with the community.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM



Mayor, Pat Johnson



City Administrator, Dave Schmidt