

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes
August 10, 2009

Chairperson Snellback called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The following members were present: Dorn, Howard, and McCorkle. Maas, Logan, and Panasiuk were absent. Also in attendance was Associate Planner Suraiya Rashid.

Public Hearing – 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Snellback opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM on the Parks and Recreation Element proposed 2009 Amendment.

Marvin Sundstrom who lives at 881 Sheets Road stated the tot lot listed for Elk Heights should not be included in the park plan because the city council has not accepted this tot lot. Mr. Sundstrom stated the park plan is good but he believes it needs to be improved over time. People like open space, parks do it and we should be trying to do it in any work in the comprehensive plan. Everything we do should be geared toward open space. One of his personal experiences was when he was talking to the floor boss at the Snoqualmie Casino. His daughter was playing in a softball tournament in Sioux Falls South Dakota. In a city of 40,000 people they had four square miles of park land. Because of this they are capable of having ball fields and putting on national level tournaments which creates more industry. Sioux Falls has one of the more diversified economies around. They are not dependent on one big employer. When he was there years ago, the gyms were open year round for the kids to use, imagine that happening today! Open space creates a lower crime ratio, when you get in confined space; you create a situation where people are on edge. Open space also translates into higher property values. Parks are important and we have to pay for them.

The public hearing was closed.

Snellback opened the public hearing at 7:10 on the Transportation Element proposed 2009 Amendment.

Marvin Sundstrom who lives at 881 Sheets Road stated he finds it interesting that a State that cannot efficiently move transport can lay the ground rules for cities to follow

in development of their own city plan. He thinks we need to think outside the box and put pressure on people to allow us to do things with our transportation plan. He thinks there needs to be a little more vision in our transport.

The public hearing was closed at 7:13 PM.

FLUM (Future Land Use Map) Discussion and set Public Hearing Date

Rashid stated what the FLUM map is a map that shows people what they can rezone to if they choose to rezone. It is supposed to be a map roughly what the future zoning of the city will be. Another way it differs from the zoning map is the categories can be a lot broader for example all the orange parcels are just residential and it doesn't break it down to all our residential zoning designations. The FLUM map is more general and is used as guidance of what we are trying to get to. She would like to get the commission input as to whether or not this map is what the city should be. Dorn asked if there are roads on here that do not exist. Rashid stated all this is supposed to show is the land use designation; it doesn't even need to show all the parcels or roads. The idea is parcels fronting Highway #410 on the west will be General Commercial, parcels on Highway #410 from Roses to the north side of town would be Central Commercial and the parcels fronting 112th on the north side will be Industrial/Mixed Use. Howard asked what the difference between General Commercial and Central Commercial. Rashid stated General Commercial is for uses where you would get there in a car whereas Central Commercial you could get there by car, walking or biking. Howard asked if this map is adopted, then what is the next step for it. Rashid stated once the commission is comfortable with a draft of this map, then it will go to public hearing, after public hearing the commission will deliberate on it and after that there will be a recommendation sent forward to City Council. At that point City Council can adopt the recommendation or they can change it. If there are significant changes that would have to go back to public hearing. Once the map it adopted it will be added into the Comprehensive Plan. The commission agreed that this map could go forward to public hearing. The public hearing will be August 31, 2009 at 7:00 PM along with the Capital Facilities element if she can get the information from the City Attorney.

Introduction of new commission member Bryan Howard

Bryan Howard stated he has lived in this area for 16 years. He has lived in the city for two years. He is interested in volunteering in the community as he is a volunteer

firefighter. When he saw there was a need for additional members on the Planning Commission he expressed an interest. He was also asked to apply for the interim City Council position and didn't get that but was encouraged to run for City Council and in the meantime has been appointed to the Planning Commission so one way or another he will be here either as a Planning Commissioner or City Council member. His first goal was to be on the Planning Commission so here he is!

Discussion regarding the Future Street Map

Rashid stated there are a few changes and they are a removal of tiny little streets that didn't make sense out in the area between Collins and Ryan in the undeveloped area. Instead they lined up a major street with McNeely to try and make it go all the way through even though there is a little job. Another change is extending Spruce and Sergeant through to Ryan Road from Collins. The other major change is a local access street between 112th and Highway #410 from Hinkleman Extension to Mundy Loss Road. Rashid she felt this was necessary because there mostly light industrial to the south and commercial uses to the north. It would be nice to have easier and safer access especially for kids to walk and ride their bikes to the schools on Mundy Loss. Snellback stated she doesn't want Spruce to go all the way through to Ryan Road. Rashid stated it is already going through to Ryan with the Council approval of the preliminary plat that will be going in there. Dorn asked what her objections were. Snellback stated there are a lot of kid's right on the corner and she doesn't want anymore traffic going through there.

The next meeting will be August 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM and we will be discussion the four Comprehensive Plan updates, the PUD document, re-designation of the "S" District and the role of the Hearings Examiner.

Rashid stated if anyone has any other comments are the park plan or the transportation element, you can bring them to the next meeting and we can discuss them.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Kathleen Snellback, Chairperson