

City of Colville

PLANNING COMMISSION

January 11, 2012

7:00 P.M. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Planning Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 in the Council Room at City Hall. Chairperson Jody Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Bruce Dietz, Alan Bedford, and Jody Hoffman. MEMBERS ABSENT: Dee Hokom and Brenda Buckner. One vacancy exists. STAFF PRESENT: Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski, Assistant Planner Melinda Lee, and Recording Secretary Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 12, 2011 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Alan Bedford moved and Bruce Dietz seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to be presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. General discussion regarding possible revisions to the Development Standards to comply with the 2011 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski explained that the 2011 Periodic Update to the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the City Council in accordance with the Growth Management Act (GMA). As a result, the development regulations contained in the Zoning Ordinance and Land Division Ordinance need to be reviewed and possibly revised to comply with the 2011 Comprehensive Plan.

Jim stated that staff would initially review the development regulations and identify areas that may need to be updated. Revisions are anticipated to provide clarification, correct inconsistencies, address land use issues to reflect the latest local conditions, or to comply with changes to the GMA. Jim also encouraged the Commissioners to submit comments and suggested changes to the staff at any time. Proposed changes will be presented at regular Planning Commission meetings for discussion and recommendation to the City Council. All meetings are open to the public and public participation will be encouraged throughout the review process.

Assistant Planner Melinda Lee added that the update will not be a total re-write of the development regulations. As indicated earlier, the current regulations need to be evaluated to make sure they are consistent with the 2011 Comprehensive Plan. She suggested there could be an opportunity during the review process to address other issues as well that are felt to be beneficial. Melinda advised that the Department of Commerce developed a checklist that identifies regulations that are specifically required by the GMA, which staff will use as a guide.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There were no members of the public present.

#### REPORTS

Jim Lapinski reported on current and proposed projects, including a mixed use development at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Oak Streets, the Border Patrol complex on Buena Vista Dr., a 15-unit supplemental senior housing proposal on Hudesman Lane, a remodel at the hospital, and interest in the old County Shop for light manufacturing use. Jim advised that the Tri-County Health District has expressed an interest in getting involved with the proposed Kettle Falls-Colville Bike/Pedestrian Trail. It appears the Health District has access to grant funds that may help keep the project moving forward.

Russ Larsen reported that the National Park Service closed an area of beach at Bossburg due to high levels of contaminants found in the soil. The contamination is believed to be caused from past mining activities in the area. The beach will remain closed pending a determination on cleanup of the area.

Melinda Lee reported that she has become more involved with The Heritage Network, which seeks to promote regional tourism based on historic resources. She advised that recently the Network worked with Chamber Manager Tricia Woods who attended a meeting of tour bus companies. Tricia presented a video highlighting Northeastern Washington areas, including Colville as a destination area. Melinda also noted that a national historic conference will be held in October in Spokane and The Heritage Network has expressed a desire to get involved in order to promote tourism.

#### ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Alan Bedford moved and Russ Larsen seconded the motion to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.