

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~
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McClure called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy McClure, Chair; Rich Beebe, Joel Hamilton (virtual), Michael Nelsen, Robb Parish (virtual), Nels Reese, Victoria Seever, Dennis Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Gropp

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Fleischman, Sandra Kelly, Mike Ray

1. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2020 [ACTION ITEM]:

Hamilton moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Wilson. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Sara von Borstel (Moscow), Landscape Architecture student at University of Idaho. Questions regarding traffic calming methods and wise-scaping plans for residential zones.

McClure responded that there are currently several new developments in various planning stages. Ray spoke about infill development, using Legacy Crossing as an example. Subdivision growth is limited on the west, southwest and northwest sides of town because of the State boundary and land owned by the University of Idaho. More growth to southeast, east, and northeast sides of town is expected. Reese indicated that growth is slow because people move to Moscow because they want a smaller town. He also mentioned that growth of the town is based on the success of the University. Some more discussion about urban growth continued.

3. Approval of Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards [ACTION ITEM]:

Proposal for Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation and Zoning Designation for an approximately 150 Acre Property Proposed to be Annexed into the City of Moscow and Located Directly West of Highway 95 and South of the Current City Limits Boundary: LUP2020-0023:

1. *Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation amendment from a combination of Auto-Urban Commercial, High-Density Residential, Auto-Urban Residential, and Rural and Agricultural to the Auto-Urban Commercial designation.*
2. *Rezoning of the subject property from the Agriculture Forestry (AF) Zone to the Motor Business (MB) Zone.*

Ray referred to the packet for materials regarding the two Relevant Criteria and Standards for Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL). Reese discussed regarding the possible implications for the rest of Moscow should SEL move here, all of which were positive.

Parrish moved to approve the Reasoned Statements of Relevant Criteria for both the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation and Rezone as recommended by Staff, seconded by Wilson. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Review of Draft Sign Code [ACTION ITEM]:

The Supreme Court Case, Reed vs. Town of Gilbert, in 2015 clarified when municipalities may impose content-based restrictions on signage. There are various places within the Sign Code which apply content-based restrictions and need to be amended to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling. Staff has completed a draft ordinance to convert portion of the sign code into table format and will review the progress with the Commission.

Ray reviewed the updated changes to the draft Sign Code as requested in the last meeting, namely some minor changes in the temporary sign standards for commercial use and signs in residential areas for private purposes. Draft sign code is currently being reviewed by City Attorney and then will be sent to the Board of Realtors for comment.

5. Transportation Commission Meeting Report [ACTION ITEM]:

Transportation Commission has not met since the last Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

6. Announcements [ACTION ITEM]:

- Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 9, with a tentative field trip scheduled for 6PM at the north couplet for the Public Art Lighting Ordinance review.
- 5G Small Cell Wireless code is being reviewed in City Council

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM



Robb Parish, Chair