

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



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**Regular Meeting**  
~Minutes~

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**Wednesday**  
**May 26, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**  
**206 E Third Street**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robb Parish, Chair; Rich Beebe, Joel Hamilton, Michael Nelsen, Nels Reese, Victoria Seever  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Drew Davis, Scott Gropp, Dennis Wilson  
**STAFF:** Jennifer Fleischman, Mike Ray

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Approval of May 12, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Seever moved for approval of the minutes as corrected, seconded by Reese. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Parish, Hamilton, Nelsen, Reese, Seever (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: Beebe (1). Motion carried.

### **2. Public Comment**

*Time limit 15 minutes. Members of the Public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the Agenda nor currently pending before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Please state your name and resident city for the record and limit your remarks to three minutes.*

None.

### **3. Public Hearing: Proposal for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for property generally located east of the intersection of Third Street and Sixth Street within the City of Moscow: Permit Application LUP2021-0016 (ACTION ITEM)**

*Proposed Preliminary Plat of a 2.3-acre area of land to create ten (10) single-family lots ranging from 7,310 sf to 8,461 sf in size, referred to as Rolling Hills 9th Addition.*

Ray presented the application as described above, explaining that the original application was for a larger 8.3-acre area, but because the City and the developer had not yet come to an agreement regarding some items, the plat is proceeding on just the 2.3-acre portion of the property. Staff recommended the approval of the application with two conditions regarding storm water runoff and the extension of Third Street to the eastern property boundary. The parkland dedication had already been met with the dedication of Moser Park to the northeast.

Public Hearing opened at 7:10 PM

Rafik Itani (applicant) Moscow, talked about the master plan for approximately 100 acres of land, and how they had been following that plan over the last couple decades. The Neighborhood Meeting was well received and neighbors didn't have many concerns. Their company does not usually sell individual lots, but instead builds the houses on the lots and sells the finished product.

John Wright, Moscow, spoke in support of the proposed development and to the long-term master plan. There was discussion regarding a retaining wall between the new properties, which are at a higher grade, and the older properties, which are below the new proposed development.

Rafik Itani (applicant), Moscow, addressed the retaining wall question and said that grading will occur during the first part of the project to eliminate the need of a retaining wall. However, it would be evaluated as the development is constructed.

Public Hearing closed at 7:17 PM

Hamilton moved to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat with two conditions as recommended by Staff, seconded by Nelsen. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Seever moved to direct Staff to draft the Relevant Criteria and Standards, seconded by Reese. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

**4. Public Hearing: Proposal for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for property located at 2075 Sunnyside Ave and 706 W Palouse River Drive within the City of Moscow: Permit Application LUP2021-0019 (ACTION ITEM)**

*Proposed Preliminary Plat of a 5.88-acre area of land to create eighteen (18) lots with an average lot size of 12,346 square feet, referred to as Anderson Addition Phase VI.*

Ray presented the application as described above, recommending approval with three conditions regarding the flag lot, frontage improvements, and pedestrian pathway. There would still be a pathway to Gritman Wellness Center via sidewalks along Sunnyside and/or West Palouse River Drive. There was discussion regarding the current zoning configuration on the subject property and the original plan for a retirement community.

Public Hearing opened at 7:38 PM

Scott Becker (applicant), Moscow, spoke about the zoning situation of the proposed development. Changing the zoning designation in the future would not have an effect on the application as proposed. He also talked about the size of the lots and trying to blend with the whole neighborhood.

Matthew Bernards, Moscow, spoke in favor of the development and asked about the rezoning plan for the parcels that was addressed in the neighborhood meeting.

Scott Becker (applicant), Moscow, addressed the comment regarding the rezoning plan at the neighborhood meeting.

Public Hearing closed at 7:46 PM

Hamilton moved to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat with the three conditions as recommended by Staff, seconded by Reese. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Beebe, Hamilton, Nelsen, Reese, Seever (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: Parish (1). Motion carried.

Hamilton moved to direct Staff to draft the Relevant Criteria and Standards, seconded by Seever. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Beebe, Hamilton, Nelsen, Reese, Seever (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: Parish (1). Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards (ACTION ITEM)**



*Proposal for a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation, Zoning Designation, and a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for a 235-Acre Property Proposed to be annexed into the City of Moscow and generally located south of the West Palouse River Drive Ball Fields property and west of the Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories property within the City of Moscow: Permit Applications LUP2021-0011 and LUP2021-0012*

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation amendment from a combination of Auto-Urban Residential and Rural and Agricultural to the High-Density Residential and Auto-Urban Residential designations.*
- 2. Rezoning of the subject property from the Agriculture Forestry (AF) Zone to a combination of the Residential Office (RO) Zone and the Medium Density Residential (R-3) Zone.*
- 3. Proposed Preliminary Plat of a 27-acre area to create 105 lots ranging from 2,328 to 63,105 square feet in size, referred to as Edington Subdivision.*

Nelsen moved to approve the Reasoned Statements of Relevant Criteria and Standards as corrected, for all three applications, seconded by Seever. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Parish, Hamilton, Nelsen, Reese, Seever (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: Beebe (1). Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### *1. Transportation Commission Meeting*

Transportation Commission met on May 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed the proposed Anderson and Rolling Hills subdivisions. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Continuing education magazine provided by the Latah County Board of Realtors.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

- 1. Next Planning & Zoning Commission regular meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021.*

**The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM**



Robb Parish, Chair

**BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, COUNTY OF LATAH,  
STATE OF IDAHO**

**REASONED STATEMENT OF RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS**

REASONED STATEMENT OF RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAT OF A TWO POINT THREE (2.3) ACRE AREA OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF THIRD STREET AND SIXTH STREET, KNOWN AS ROLLING HILLS 9<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO.

**WHEREAS**, the applicant filed an application for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat on April 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter came before the Moscow Planning and Zoning Commission during a duly noticed public hearing on May 26, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, having reviewed the application, including all exhibits entered, and having considered the issues presented by the applicant and the opponents:

**THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, AFTER DUE DELIBERATION AND CONSIDERATION, HEREBY CONCLUDES:**

**I. RELEVANT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the request pursuant to the City of Moscow 2019 Comprehensive Plan, City of Moscow Zoning Ordinance, the Local Land Use Planning Act, and other applicable development regulations.
2. The subject property is a two point three (2.3) acre area of land generally located east of the intersection of Third Street and Sixth Street.
3. The subject property is currently undeveloped and is directly to the east of Rolling Hills 8th Addition. To the north of the subject property is undeveloped land that was recently approved as Harvest Hills 2nd Addition. Rolling Hills 7th Addition is located to the south, Moser Park is located to the northeast, and un-platted lands owned by the applicant are located to the east. All of the surrounding property that is currently developed is single family residential structures.
4. The subject property contains areas of moderate sloping topography as the land slopes to the north. There are no drainage ways or natural features that have been identified upon the subject property.
5. The subject property is currently designated as Auto-Urban Residential (AU-R). AU-R designated areas,

*“designated areas contain predominantly single-family detached homes on lots ranging from 7,000 to 11,000 square feet in size and are more isolated from surrounding uses which may require residents to rely more on automobile transportation. This designation includes those areas generally anticipated to be developed for low- to moderate-density residential uses at densities between three to six units per acre which could include a mix of detached single-family, twinhome, and townhome residential dwellings. Appropriate current zoning for Auto-*

*Urban Residential designated areas include Low Density Residential (R-1), Moderate Density Single Family Residential (R-2) and Medium Density Residential (R-3) in order to include a mixture of attached and detached dwellings where appropriate."*

6. All surrounding land is currently designated as Auto-Urban Residential, with the exception of the parks in the area which are designated as Parks and Open Space.
7. The subject property is currently designated as the Moderate Density Residential (R-2) Zoning District. All surrounding properties are also located within the R-2 Zone.
8. The R-2 zoning district is a moderate density residential zone appropriate where the following circumstances are present:
  1. Single family dwellings predominate.
  2. The terrain is not harshly irregular and smaller lot sizes can be accommodated without extensive earthwork.
  3. Utilities and other public facilities are adequate for the densities allowed.
  4. Existing lot development patterns and policies embodied in the Plan will also guide application of this zoning district.
9. Uses permitted within the R-2 Zone include single-family residential dwellings, market and community gardens, group child care facilities, and public parks and recreational facilities.
10. The applicant is proposing to subdivide the 2.3-acre area of land to create 10 lots ranging from 7,310 sf to 8,461 sf in size, referred to as Rolling Hills 9<sup>th</sup> Addition. The proposed subdivision includes the extension of Third Street to Moser Park. All of the lots within the proposed subdivision meet the minimum lot size and lot width for the R-2 zone.
11. Water services are proposed to be extended along the Third Street alignment to connect with existing mains at the current eastern terminus of Third Street in Rolling Hills 8<sup>th</sup> Addition. The property is considered developable in the City's Comprehensive Water System Plan dated January 2012. Engineering has determined that the existing system has adequate potable and fire flows to serve the proposed subdivision.
12. It is anticipated that under commonly observed household water use within the City (114 gallons per day per occupant) that the proposed development could be reasonably anticipated to use approximately 0.93 million gallons of water per year (10 du x 2.25 occupants/du x 114 gallons/occupant x 365 days/year = 0.93 M gallons/year).
13. Sanitary sewer is proposed to be extended along the Third Street alignment to connect with existing mains at the current eastern terminus of Third Street in Rolling Hills 8<sup>th</sup> Addition. Engineering has determined that the system has adequate capacity to convey the additional flow from the development. The subject property is considered developable in the Comprehensive Sewer System Plan dated September 2011.
14. The storm sewer for the subdivision is proposed to be extended in a similar fashion to the sanitary sewer system by following the Third Street alignment. The proposed subdivision exceeds the five thousand (5,000) square feet of impervious surface threshold that triggers the requirement for stormwater runoff control analysis and design per City Code Title 5, Chapter 15. The method for control is not specified in the preliminary plat and, therefore, is a recommended condition of approval.
15. The subject property is located adjacent to Third Street to the west which is designated as a collector street. The section of Third Street adjacent to the subject property is developed as a 34-

foot-wide roadway with two travel lanes, bike lanes on both sides of the street, and curbing and gutters on both sides of the street. Third Street through the subject property will also be constructed to the collector standard.

16. The parkland dedication requirements for the proposed subdivision were previously met with Moser Park to the northeast, so no further dedication is required.
17. The applicant conducted a neighborhood meeting with affected property owners within 600 feet of the subject property on March 25, 2021 to discuss the proposed preliminary plat.

**BASED ON THE ABOVE RELEVANT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS, THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW HEREBY FINDS THE FOLLOWING RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS:**

**II. RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS**

1. **The proposed subdivision is in conformance with all applicable City Code requirements.** The proposed preliminary plat is consistent with and in conformance with the requirements and provisions of the Moderate Density Residential (R-2) Zoning District, including lot area, dimensions and other relevant provisions. The proposed preliminary plat is also in conformance with the general requirements of the Moscow Subdivision Ordinance including, but not limited to, the provision of the logical and orderly connection to the City's street network, public utilities, and the provision of public parkland.
2. **The proposed subdivision is in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.** The proposed preliminary plat is consistent with the City of Moscow Comprehensive Plan and provides for the logical and orderly development and extension of the City's street system. The extension of Third Street is consistent with the general alignment within the Thoroughfare Plan. The proposed lots sizes and densities are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use designation of Auto-Urban Residential.
3. **Public Services and utilities are available or can be made available and are adequate to accommodate the proposed subdivision.** The subject property has direct access to Third Street which is designated as a collector street. Water and sewer services are proposed to be extended along the Third Street alignment to connect with existing mains at the current eastern terminus of Third Street in Rolling Hills 8<sup>th</sup> Addition. The Engineering Department has determined that the existing system has adequate potable and fire flows and sewer capacity to serve the proposed subdivision.
4. **The proposed subdivision will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare.** The proposed preliminary plat provides for the extension of City streets and services and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

### III. DECISION

Based on the above Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Moscow recommends approval of the preliminary subdivision plat request for the two point three (2.3) acre area of land generally located east of the intersection of Third Street and Sixth Street with two conditions:

1. The applicant shall provide stormwater control analysis and design in accordance with the City's Stormwater Runoff Control Standards
2. The applicant shall extend Third Street 19.87 feet to the east to align with the eastern property boundary of Lot 6, Block 2 of the proposed subdivision.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW this

9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



Robb Parish, Chair  
Planning and Zoning Commission

**BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, COUNTY OF LATAH,  
STATE OF IDAHO**

**REASONED STATEMENT OF RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS**

REASONED STATEMENT OF RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAT OF A FIVE POINT EIGHT EIGHT (5.88) ACRE AREA OF LAND LOCATED AT 2075 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE AND 706 W PALOUSE RIVER DRIVE, KNOWN AS ANDERSON ADDITION PHASE VI TO THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO.

**WHEREAS**, the applicant filed an application for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat on April 23, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter came before the Moscow Planning and Zoning Commission during a duly noticed public hearing on May 26, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, having reviewed the application, including all exhibits entered, and having considered the issues presented by the applicant and the opponents:

**THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, AFTER DUE DELIBERATION AND CONSIDERATION, HEREBY CONCLUDES:**

**I. RELEVANT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the request pursuant to the City of Moscow 2019 Comprehensive Plan, City of Moscow Zoning Ordinance, the Local Land Use Planning Act, and other applicable development regulations.
2. The subject property is a 5.88-acre area of land located at 2075 Sunnyside Ave and 706 W Palouse River Drive.
3. The subject property is currently undeveloped and was previously platted as Lot 25, Block 4 and Lot 1, Block 5 of Anderson 1st Addition. To the west of the subject property is Anderson/Frontier Park, to the southwest is the Prospect Place Addition, to the east is Gritman's Martin Wellness Center, and to the north is single family residential development also within the Anderson 1st Subdivision. Properties to the south of Palouse River Drive include two manufactured home parks and ITD's service facility.
4. The subject property contains areas of moderate sloping topography at an average slope of 10% as the land continues to gain elevation to the north. There are no drainage ways or natural features that have been identified upon the subject property.
5. The northern portion of the subject property is currently designated as Auto-Urban Residential (AU-R). AU-R designated areas,

*“designated areas contain predominantly single-family detached homes on lots ranging from 7,000 to 11,000 square feet in size and are more isolated from surrounding uses which may require residents to rely more on automobile transportation. This designation includes those areas generally anticipated to be developed for low- to moderate-density residential uses at densities between three to six units per acre which could include a mix of detached single-*



*family, twinhome, and townhome residential dwellings. Appropriate current zoning for Auto-Urban Residential designated areas include Low Density Residential (R-1), Moderate Density Single Family Residential (R-2) and Medium Density Residential (R-3) in order to include a mixture of attached and detached dwellings where appropriate."*

6. The southern portion of the subject property is currently designated as High-Density Residential. According to the Comprehensive Plan, High-Density Residential designated areas,

*"allow the highest density residential development at common densities between 15 and 26 units per acre. Areas appropriate for this designation include those located adjacent to areas of higher activity where there is a range of uses. High-Density Residential areas should be located adjacent or in close proximity to designated arterial or collector streets. New areas of high-density residential development should be located near mixed-use activity areas and corridors that accommodate multi-modal transportation. Lands designated as Urban Residential are generally appropriately zoned Medium Density Residential (R3), Multiple Family Residential (R-4), or Residential Office (RO)."*

7. The subdivisions to the north are currently designated as Auto-Urban Residential. Martin Wellness Center to the east is currently designated as Suburban Commercial and properties to the south of Palouse River Drive are designated as High-Density Residential. Anderson/Frontier Park to the west is currently designated as Parks and Open Space.
8. The subject property is currently designated as a combination of Medium Density Residential (R-3) and Multiple Family Residential (R-4). The north portion of the property is encompassed by the R-3 Zone and the southern portion contains the R-4 Zone.
9. The properties to the south and east of subject property are currently zoned R-4 and the properties to the west and north are zoned R-1. Properties to the south of Palouse River Drive are currently designated as Motor Business (MB).
10. According to the zoning code, the R-3 Zone,

*"provides for an increase over the density allowed by the R-2 zoning district by permitting different types of housing construction. It is appropriate where activity levels are moderate, terrain permits construction of somewhat larger structures, and where public systems and neighborhood facilities can accommodate a greater intensity of land use as guided by the Comprehensive Plan. Uses permitted within the R-3 Zone include single family, two family, twinhome, and townhouse dwellings."*

11. The minimum lot size for parcels within the R-3 Zone is 6,000 sf for single family dwellings, 7,000 sf for two family dwellings, 3,250 sf for twinhome dwellings, and 2,000 sf for townhouse dwellings. Townhouse lots within the R-3 Zone are allowed to be a minimum of 2,000 sf, but the total density of a townhouse development must not exceed 14.5 dwelling units per acre.
12. The minimum lot width for parcels within the R-3 Zone is 60 feet for single- and two-family dwellings, 30 feet for twinhome dwellings, and 20 feet for townhouse dwellings.
13. The R-4 Zone,

*"provides for the most intense residential land uses permitted in the community. It is to be applied where activity levels are high and adequate public facilities are available, especially near the University of Idaho campus or the City Central Business Zoning District. Adequate transportation access should be given high priority in determining the appropriate location for R-4 zoning districts."*

14. The minimum lot size for parcels within the R-4 Zone is 5,000 sf or 800 sf per dwelling, whichever is greater. Twinhome dwellings are required to have a minimum lot size of 2,250 sf and townhouse dwellings are required to be at least 1,800 sf in size.
15. The minimum lot width for parcels within the R-4 Zone is 50 feet for single family, two family, and multi-family dwellings. Twinhome dwellings are required to be at least 25 feet and townhouse dwellings are required to be 18 feet in width.
16. In 1993, the subject property was rezoned to the current configuration of the R-3 and R-4 Zones which still exists today. The Council imposed three conditions of approval on the rezone, which are as follows:
  1. The density shall be limited to a minimum lot area of 2,000 sf per dwelling unit;
  2. The buildings shall be limited to one-story in height exclusive of basements; and
  3. There shall be dedicated a pedestrian pathway, minimum of ten feet in width extending from Latah Care Center to the Anderson/Frontier Park.
17. The proposed preliminary plat is subject to the conditions above and any future buildings will be required to comply with the single-story height restriction.
18. The applicant is proposing to subdivide the 5.88-acre area of land into 18 lots ranging from 9,644 sf to 23,672 sf in size.
19. The plat includes a stormwater detention pond on the northeast corner of Palouse River Drive and Sunnyside Avenue. Sunnyside Avenue was previously platted as part of the Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision, and will be constructed as part of the proposed subdivision.
20. A cul-de-sac street named Cloudy Court will be extended to the northwest from Sunnyside Avenue to provide access to the northwest portion of the property. The applicant has included a 10-foot-wide public pedestrian easement with a 5-foot-wide pathway which connects Cloudy Court with Anderson/Frontier Park. Per the conditions of approval of the 1993 rezone on this property, the pathway will need to be increased to 10 feet in width.
21. Water services are proposed to be extended along the Sunnyside Avenue alignment to connect existing mains at the southern and northern terminuses of Sunnyside Avenue. The property is considered developable in the City's Comprehensive Water System Plan dated January 2012. Engineering has determined that the existing system has adequate potable and fire flows to serve the proposed subdivision.
22. It is anticipated that under commonly observed household water use within the City (114 gallons per day per occupant) that the proposed development could be reasonably anticipated to use approximately 1.69 million gallons of water per year ( $18 \text{ du} \times 2.25 \text{ occupants/du} \times 114 \text{ gallons/occupant} \times 365 \text{ days/year} = 1.12 \text{ M gallons/year}$ ).
23. Sanitary sewer is proposed to be extended through the subdivision along the Sunnyside Avenue alignment. A sanitary main will be installed on the north end of Sunnyside Avenue and extended to connect to the existing main in Sunnyside Avenue near its intersection with Pearl Circle. Once the required improvements are constructed by the developer, Engineering has determined that the system has adequate capacity to convey the additional flow from the development. The subject property is considered developable in the Comprehensive Sewer System Plan dated September 2011.
24. The storm sewer for the subdivision is proposed to be extended in a similar fashion to the sanitary sewer system by following the Sunnyside Avenue alignment. A storm sewer main will be installed on the north end of Sunnyside Avenue and extended to connect to the existing main in

Sunnyside Avenue near its intersection with Pearl Circle. A stormwater detention pond is proposed to be constructed on Tract A at the northeast corner of Palouse River Drive and Sunnyside Avenue.

25. The subject property is located adjacent to Sunnyside Avenue which was platted as part of the Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision and is currently designated as a local neighborhood street. A prior development agreement that was recorded as part of the Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision requires that Sunnyside Avenue be constructed prior to any building permits being issued upon the subject property. Sunnyside Avenue will be constructed to match the standard that was approved at the time the Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision was approved. That neighborhood street standard that was previously approved included curb, gutter, tree lawn, and sidewalk on the north side of the street and curb and gutter on the south side of the street.
26. The subject property is also located adjacent to Palouse River Drive which is designated as a minor arterial. The section of Palouse River Drive adjacent to the subject property currently does not have curb, gutters, or sidewalks on either side of the street. As part of the subdivision code the applicant is responsible for street frontage improvements for portions of the property adjacent to public streets. Therefore, the Commission is recommending that frontage improvements be made to the north side of Palouse River Drive as part of the proposed subdivision.
27. The parkland dedication requirements for the proposed subdivision were previously met with Anderson/Frontier Park to the west, so no further dedication is required.
28. The applicant conducted a neighborhood meeting with affected property owners within 600 feet of the subject property on March 25, 2021 to discuss the proposed preliminary plat.

**BASED ON THE ABOVE RELEVANT FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS, THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW HEREBY FINDS THE FOLLOWING RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS:**

## **II. RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS**

1. **The proposed subdivision is in conformance with all applicable City Code requirements.** The proposed preliminary plat is consistent with and in conformance with the requirements and provisions of the Medium Density Residential (R-3) and Multiple Family Residential (R-4) Zoning Districts, including lot area, dimensions and other relevant provisions. The proposed preliminary plat is also in conformance with the general requirements of the Moscow Subdivision Ordinance including, but not limited to, the provision of the logical and orderly connection to the City's street network, public utilities, and the provision of public parkland.
2. **The proposed subdivision is in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.** The proposed preliminary plat is consistent with the City of Moscow Comprehensive Plan and provides for the logical and orderly development and extension of the City's street system. The extension of Sunnyside Avenue is consistent with the general alignment within the Thoroughfare Plan. The proposed lots sizes and densities are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use designation of Auto-Urban Residential and High-Density Residential.
3. **Public Services and utilities are available or can be made available and are adequate to accommodate the proposed subdivision.** The subject property has direct access to Palouse River Drive which is designated as a minor arterial street. Water and sewer services are proposed to be extended along the Sunnyside Avenue alignment to connect with existing mains at the current norther and southern terminuses of Sunnyside Avenue. The Engineering Department has

determined that the existing system has adequate potable and fire flows and sewer capacity to serve the proposed subdivision.

4. **The proposed subdivision will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare.** The proposed preliminary plat provides for the extension of City streets and services and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

### III. DECISION

Based on the above Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Moscow recommends approval of the preliminary subdivision plat request for the five point eight eight (5.88) acre area of land located at 2075 Sunnyside Ave and 706 W Palouse River Drive with three conditions:

1. Lot 7, Block 5 shall be converted to a flag lot with the flagpole portion providing direct access to Sunnyside Avenue and no vehicular access shall be permitted from Palouse River Drive;
2. Street frontage improvements shall be required on the north side of Palouse River Drive adjacent to the subject property to include installation of curbing, sidewalk and roadway widening to improve Palouse River Drive to thirty-four (34) feet in width; and
3. The pedestrian pathway connecting Cloudy Court with Anderson Frontier Park shall be increased to ten (10) feet in width.

PASSED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW this

9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Robb Parish, Chair  
Planning and Zoning Commission