

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Thursday
September 8, 2022**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

Sanders called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Sanders, Chair; Ben Calabretta, Rebecca Couch, Mary DuPree, Scott Sumner
MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Bacon, Randy Baukol, Joel Hamilton, Mike McGahan
OTHERS: Maureen Laflin, Janet Zarate
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Cody Riddle

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of August 11, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

DuPree moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Calabretta. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit remarks to three (3) minutes.

None.

3. Edington Estates Preliminary Subdivision Plat Review and Recommendation (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

The City recently received applications for annexation, rezone, and platting of 10.5 acres generally located south of Palouse River Drive, on the western boundary of the City. Staff will provide an overview of the proposal for the Commission's review and recommendation.

Riddle presented the preliminary plat application materials as described above, and recommended the Commission review and approve the request for City Council. The southern side of West Palouse River Drive will be developed as part of the first Edington Addition that was approved last year, which is reflected in the Development and Monumentation agreements that went to City Council recently. The property north of the proposed annexation and south of the Arboretum are still part of the County, and includes the southern half of the road adjacent. The Schweitzer Engineering Lab (SEL) property is located east of the subject preliminary plat. The proposed development does not have required frontage improvements because of the size of the project as well as not fronting any public road.

The Commission was concerned about long-term connectivity from the east and west on the south side of town. The Transportation Master Plan has a connection planned to go through the SEL property, as well as another connection further south. The conversation continued regarding access from east to west, as well as the condition of West Palouse River Drive. The developers are adding more transportation stubs to the west of the Edington subdivisions, as access east to Hwy 95 is limited. There was a traffic impact study done for the first phase of the Edington subdivision. Grading has been completed for the first phase of the first Edington property, and Palouse River Drive is currently being developed. The new plat was designed to provide a

different style of homes for more purchasing diversity. There is a future east-west connection directly south of the proposed plat, but the significant topography challenges hinder a thru route to the private street hammerhead. A private street means that the City would not be responsible for maintenance, but it would need to be designed to accommodate fire truck access. There are no pedestrian pathways planned to connect with the rest of the subdivisions to the south and east, except along the private street in the Planned Unit Development.

SEL indicated that they were not receptive to public access through streets, and they only desire a closed campus. There was conversation about potential new employees from SEL wanting to live in the proposed subdivision who would not want to walk or drive all the way around for work, and would rather cut straight to the main campus.

DuPree moved for recommendation of approval of Edington Estates, with the condition that there be a pedestrian connection made from the subdivision to the rest of the development and expressed concern about future connectivity to Hwy 95. Motion seconded by Calabretta. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Calabretta, Couch, DuPree, Sanders (4). Nays: None. Abstentions: Sumner (1). Motion carried.

4. South Moscow Business Park Preliminary Subdivision Plat Review and Recommendation (ACTION ITEM) – Cody Riddle

The City recently received applications for annexation, rezone, and platting of 26.6 acres generally located east of Highway 95, on the southern boundary of the City. Staff will provide an overview of the proposal for the Commission's review and recommendation.

Riddle presented the preliminary plat application materials as described above, and recommended the Commission review and approve the request for City Council. The planned completion date of the new Hwy 95 is estimated to be in 2024, which would abut right next to the west side of the plat. It is unknown whether there are sidewalks planned along the new highway, and the only sidewalks required so far for the proposed plat is along the collector street.

A portion of the property, along the northern edge next to the Palouse River, is located in the floodplain. The Commission requested more information about a potential sidewalk built along the new Highway 95. There are no sidewalks along the current highway, except in front of SEL's property. The applications have not gone before the Planning & Zoning Commission yet. There is a planned walkway along the river to the north of the proposed project, that would eventually connect with Hwy 95 next to the bridge crossing. The intersection of old Highway 95 and new Highway 95 is north of the preliminary plat.

There was a discussion about what could be developed on the other side the Highway from the proposed intersection. Lot 3 would be accessed via the collector street and not given a separate direct route from the Highway. There was concern about needing a left turn lane as soon as the Highway is built, but instead could be included in the current design. There was talk about recommending a sidewalk be built going north of where the business park meets the new Highway. ITD will be working with the developer to make sure the Highway has the appropriate turn lanes for a development of the proposed size. There was not a traffic impact study received with the applications.

Calabretta moved for recommendation of approval of South Moscow Business Park, with the conditions that a pathway and roadway both be included, as recommended by Staff. Motion seconded by DuPree. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- Riddle updated the Commission on several items that were discovered on the updated Bike Facilities Plan that will be going before City Council for approval.
- There was a brief report given on the Mountain View Road improvement project, and paving is expected to start soon. There will be a community event to encourage people to walk and bike the roundabout before vehicles are given access.

- The Sixth Street Bridge Replacement project is starting, but will be worked on through the fall and possibly into the new year. The Mountain View Road roundabout will open before the bridge is completed.
- E-Scooters is set to be deployed September 19th. The agreement has been signed with Bird, and they are starting with sixty (60) scooters deployed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DuPree requested an EV Charging Station update and Riddle will add that to the next agenda for discussion. Building codes in relationship to EV charging stations was discussed and how other municipalities and states are handling EV vehicles. The University of Idaho has included EV infrastructure whenever they build a new parking facility, and currently provide two spaces.
- It was requested that a discussion about the Sidewalk Improvement Program to be added to the next agenda.
- Intercity transportation was talked about, and the Commission discussed possible next steps. Pullman Transit is adding a bus stop to the Pullman-Moscow Airport. An intermodal depot for buses was suggested to be added to the new airport terminal.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is set for October 13, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM



Robert Sanders, Chair