

City of McCleary
Planning Commission Meeting
March 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair Evert Challstedt. Members present: Ben Ator, Jeff Catterlin, Paul Custis and Nancy Koeppen. Also present: Busse Nutley, City Administrator; and Tim Hamilton, citizen.

There were no minutes from the October 18, 2006 meeting, but it was recalled that it was a general discussion of what the Planning Commission had been doing to orient the new City Administrator.

To assist new member Paul Custis understand what the Commission does, there was a general discussion about the role of the Commission. The members felt its purpose has been fragmented and project oriented. They would like the Mayor to provide a written direction for the Commission's authority and scope of responsibility. Ms. Koeppen suggested that the Commission should propose a vision of what the city should look like – moving to a visual presentation the augment the written one.

Ms. Nutley presented information about the County moratorium for the Wildcat Creek Aquifer area. The City and County will hold an Open House on March 22 at the McCleary Gym where representatives from Evergreen Rural Water of Washington and the state Department of Health will present information about the aquifer, especially how it works. The mediator/facilitator will be talking to many interested parties and will help the County hold its required public hearing in a manner to maximize answers to concerned citizens.

Election of officers was held, retaining the current ones: Evert Challstedt, Chair; and Jeff Catterlin, Vice-Chair.

Mr. Catterlin asked that a piece of “unfinished business” be added to the next agenda. There had been previous discussion about requiring either repairs of failed septic tanks or connection to sewer to replace failed septic tanks when property is sold.

The Commissioners requested copies of the adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the adopted Parks and Recreation Plan.

The next meeting is April 3, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. The proposed agenda is:

1. Septic tanks
 - a. How many are in the city and where are they?
 - b. What should be done about failed septic tanks?
2. Discussion about the adopted comprehensive land use and parks plans
3. Update on Wildcat Creek Aquifer moratorium
4. Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.