

**City of McCleary**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
**May 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair Evert Challstedt. Members present: Ben Ator, Paul Custis and Nancy Koeppen. Staff: Busse Nutley, City Administrator; and Todd Baun, Public Facilities Manager. Public: Don Tapio, WSU Extension Agent and Janet Strong.

The minutes from the April 3 meeting were approved as received.

Ms. Nutley gave an update on the Wildcat Creek Aquifer moratorium. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on May 21 to amend the moratorium ordinance to allow homes to be built on existing legal lots. Subdivisions and rezones will continue to be prohibited.

The Commission was interested in learning how to develop a landscaping plan for the newly de-forested 150' x 160' lot by the Community Center. Don Tapio, WSU Extension Agent, provided information about Master Gardeners and other programs to assist in developing demonstration gardens, and cautioned about vandalism. Janet Storm, interested citizen, provided information about low-maintenance native plantings. Commissioner Paul Custis is a member of the Elma-McCleary Youth Soccer Club and expressed interest in developing a new field. The group brainstormed about a strategy for the lot and devised the following plan:

1. City crew will grade the site, leaving the two-foot high berm that borders the site along the alleyway.
2. Using volunteers, seed, and perhaps fertilizer, supplied by the Soccer Club, the City crew will prepare the soil, heavily seed and water the site in preparation for use by 5-8 year-olds to play soccer, beginning in September.
3. City will contact Lawyer Nursery in Yelm to ask if they will donate all Rosa Rogasa (wild rose) left over after its spring plant sale. This prickly native specie will anchor the berm, provide a barrier between the site and the alley, and reduce the potential of vehicle vandalism.
4. Later this year the Commission and staff will develop a plan for areas around the field for native plants that will be established in February.
5. City will obtain a sign or two for the site indicating what is occurring in an attempt to ward off potential vandalism.

It was moved by Nancy Koeppen, seconded by Paul Custis and unanimously recommended that the City Council implement this plan.

Todd Baun, Public Facilities Manager, presented a draft of the Six-Year Street Plan. After a few questions were answered, it was moved by Paul Custis, seconded by Ben Ator and unanimously approved to recommend adoption of the Plan by the City Council.

By unanimous consent, the regular meeting day and time for the Planning Commission was set for the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

The City Council has sent the City's new Design Standards to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and possible amendments. The hearing was set for Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

The next meeting is June 19, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. The proposed agenda is:

1. Public Comment
2. Parks and Recreation Plan
3. Public Hearing: McCleary Design Standards

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.