



JEFFERSON COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Critical Areas Committee Meeting
September 28, 2006, 7pm
WSU Learning Center
Shold Business Park, Spruce Room
201 West Patison
Port Hadlock

Planning Commission: Jim Hagen, Peter Downey, Henry Werch and Dennis Schultz
Advisors: Norm MacLeod, Bill Wheeler, John Richmond, Kathy Dickson, Diane Johnson, Kenn Brooks, Jill Silver, Dennis Holman, Roger Short and Robert Crittenden
Staff: Josh Peters, Al Scalf

Meeting Summary:

The Committee & Advisory Group refined the subcommittees proposed on 9/21 and selected a chair and members for each. The subcommittees as established on 9/28 were:

- 1) Agriculture: Chair R. Short, members K. Brooks, K. Dickson and D. Schultz. Katherine Baril of WSU Extension and Al Latham of the Conservation District were asked to participate in the subcommittee.
- 2) Channel Migration Zones (CMZ): Chair R. Crittenden, members J. Richmond, J. Silver, D. Holman and J. Tracy (in abstentia).
- 3) Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors: Chair D. Schultz, members N. MacLeod, R. Crittenden, D. Johnson, B. Wheeler.
- 4) Wetland buffers, Ecology guidance and land use intensity: Chair K. Brooks, members R. Crittenden, D. Johnson, J. Silver, H. Werch, J. Hagen and potentially A. Hiatt (nominated in absentia).
- 5) Administration, reasonable economic use variance, legal nonconforming use, financial burden and equitable application (consolidation of two originally separate subcommittees): Chair J. Tracy, members to be group as a whole.
- 6) SHB 1933, aquaculture/mariculture and tribal participation: Chair P. Downey, member N. MacLeod, with K. Baril assisting and K. Brooks for technical guidance.
- 7) Parcel inventory, mapping and data: Chair H. Werch, members J. Richmond and J Silver.
- 8) Forestry: Chair B. Wheeler, member J. Silver.

[The "Best Available Science" subcommittee was eliminated, as the concept applies to all subcommittee work. "Forestry" was proposed as an addition to the subcommittee list originally established on 9/21.]

When the parcel inventory, mapping and data topic is scheduled, County Senior GIS Analysis Doug Noltemeier should be asked to make a presentation on the County's GIS database.

Committee Chair J. Hagen will compose a letter to the BoCC requesting a time extension for the Committee process.

J. Silver made a motion that County staff arrange for a laptop computer and a projector be available for future meetings, so that code versions and other information can be consulted during deliberation. K. Baril offered WSU Extension assistance. The motion passed.

J. Silver proposed that subcommittees should come prepared with motions for consideration at full Committee meetings and that the staff should distributed prepared motions prior to Committee meetings when they would be considered. There appeared to be group concurrence.

A process was discussed by which the Committee would first address policy questions, allowing staff and the subcommittees to then proceed with more detailed work, such as proposed code amendments, and that the Committee would cycle the topics through later agendas to review how policy directions were incorporated into draft code amendments. J. Tracy remarked that proposals should be legally defensible and that Chief Civil Deputing Prosecuting Attorney David Alvarez should be consulted early in the process.

Meeting closed approx 9:30pm.