GRANT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman:

Bill Bailey

Vice Chairman:

Ollie Click

Board Members:

Carol Dawson, Terry Dorsing, Ann, Drader, Jim Fleming, Blair Fuglie, Lee Graham and

Kevin Richards

Secretary:

Doris Long

COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM - GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, EPHRATA, WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Bill Bailey, Ollie Click, Carol Dawson, Jim Fleming, Blair Fuglie, Lee Graham

and Kevin Richards

Members Absent:

Ann Drader and Terry Dorsing

Chairman, Bill Bailey, opens the meeting.

Approval of the August 6, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Click moves to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Fuglie seconds the motion.

Voted on and passes unanimously

Planning Commission Workshop:

1) Unified Development Code Chapter 25.16 - Enforcement and Penalties.

Planning Director, Damien Hooper, explains the Unified Development Code Chapter 25.16, Enforcement and Penalties, will be presented to the Planning Commission at a later date as a Code amendment. The information is being provided now to allow the Commissioners adequate review time. Administering the current Code has been found to be problematic. The proposed changes have come directly from the Prosecutor's Office with the objective of simplifying the process. The citation portion of the current Code has been removed; the intent is to address enforcement as a "Notice of Violation". Penalties have been reduced to one flat rate per day with a cap. The goal is to achieve compliance not monetary penalties.

Staff and the Commissioners discuss the issues hindering the current enforcement process.

Planning Director, Damien Hooper, reports on the status of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. He explains the SMP was sent to the Department of Ecology (DOE) in April. There the SMP underwent the identical public process as was completed at the County level. A few comments were received, and responded to, but did not result in any substantive changes. On August 26th the Board of County Commissioners accepted the recommended changes, as well as two required changes, from the Department of Ecology. The two required changes were:

- 1) Put Sand Hollow back in from the point that it leaves the constructed portion to the mouth of the river.
- 2) Put Trail Lake back in, because technically it meets the definition format.

The BoCC agreed to comply with the two requests. Although, if in the future, the Bureau of Reclamation follows through with some anticipated operational changes, and Trail Lake becomes integrated into the canal, they will recommend that that portion be removed from SMP jurisdiction. The Planning Department is expecting a letter from DOE the first part of next week, which should close the process out. The Shoreline Master Program will be effective fourteen days from the date of that letter, and a sixty day appeal period will begin.

2) Open Government Trainings Act – Open Public Meetings Act RCW 42.30 (video)

The Planning Commission watches the Open Public Meetings Act video (prepared by the Washington State Attorney General's Office) to fulfill the training requirement of ESB 5964 "Open Government Trainings Act". Certificates have been provided to the Commissioners for their signatures, and will be provided to the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman, Bill Bailey, reports he will not be available to attend the November or December meeting.

General discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Doris Long, Secretary

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Bill Bailey, Chairnlan

Approved/by: