

**Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary, September 6, 2006**

Committee members in attendance:

Richard Banel

Phil Cloward, Vice-Chair

Jan Eskola

Gary Gehling, Chair

Amy Mower

Norma Otto

Lou Piotrowski

Cindy Purdy

Alan Seid

Sean Wilson

1) Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Gary Gehling and a determination of a quorum was made.

2) Public Comment – First Period

No public comment.

3) Meeting Summary

The August 16th summary was approved by consensus.

4) Non-Agenda Issues

- Alan stated he had not heard back from Tom Anderson and that he hoped to hear from him and be able to report by the next meeting.
- Gary informed the committee that the Municipal “Muni” bill (more than 15 hook ups is considered a municipality) is being challenged in court. He made the point that laws are not permanent.
- Phil asked for clarification on the September 14th County Planning Commission meeting and Small Town Design meeting on the 15th and 16th.
- Jan stated that she will not be able to attend the Small Town Design meetings.
- Amy asked for clarification on the times of the meeting – 7:00-9:00pm on the 15th, 11:00am-5:00pm on the 16th.
- Gary asked about the inventory of buildable lands. Matt said that its not ready yet.
- Gary asked about the population census work that Studio Cascade will be providing. Matt said he hasn’t heard from Bill Grimes yet.
- Lou asked who facilitates the Small Town Design meetings. Matt responded that Studio Cascade will facilitate. Matt will be there and Hal Hart may attend.
- Amy asked about discussing transportation issues. Matt said the Washington State Department of Transportation (DOT) will attend the meeting on Saturday. The DOT will be there to provide information and answer questions.

5) Draft Questionnaire

The committee completed the review of the draft questionnaire.

6) Posters

Twenty small and 10 big posters need to be posted. Matt requested committee members to place the posters in the communities.

7) Public Comment – Second Period

- Dave Halliday informed the committee that software is available that blocks multiple responses to the questionnaire.

- Karen Reich said that there is no fool proof way to eliminate multiple responses. She congratulated the committee on a good job.
- Rob Staveland addressed cluster zoning and affordable housing. He said that the factors that affect affordable housing are 1. density, 2. quality of construction, 3. infrastructure costs and 4. underlying land cost. He suggested making clustering more inviting than subdividing into 5-, 10- and 20-acre lots, through incentives. Conditions could be attached which might include size, density requirements, and aesthetic or environmental considerations.

Rob encouraged continued dialog with the DNR to work toward incorporating some DNR land for recreational functions.

With regards to Light Industrial (LI) zoning, Rob suggested a set amount of land LI zoning, subject to certain conditions, such as general location, compatibility with the committee's vision for the Foothills and a real project, instead of setting aside certain parcels of land as LI zoning.

Rob also suggested reviewing the zoning in small towns such as Deming and consider a Master Plan for the community.

The ECONorthwest rebuttal to John McLaughlin's assertion of errors in ECONorthwest's population forecast was handed out.

The next meeting will be September 20, 2006 at the Kendall Elementary School from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by:
Sharon Digby