

Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

May 5, 2010

6:00 PM To
8:30 PM

Kendall Elementary School

ATTENDEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Richard Banel ◆ Phil Cloward ◆ Gary Gehling - Chair ◆ Lou Piotrowski ◆ Amy Mower ◆ Gerald Kern ◆ Jan Eskola ◆ Norma Otto ◆ Matt Aamot-PDS
ABSENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bill Coleman ◆ Cindy Purdy ◆ Beth Morgan

Agenda Item #2 **Public Comment**

PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Tom Watkins, Water District #13, stated concerns with Policy U1-C. Water District #13 is the only district that presently has a sewer plan and they are not planning sewer service north of Limestone Road. Would like the County to address the district regarding the master plan.</p> <p>Richard Whitson, Water District #13, stated he is concerned about statements in chapter 5 that average water use is higher in District #13 than the County as a whole and that chlorinators may be used in the future.</p> <p>Robert Vandenhaak, stated none of the Commissioners from Water District #13 have been asked to apply for the committee positions.</p> <p>Gary Gehling stated the committee is appointed by the County Executive, so the committee has no control over who participates.</p> <p>Shorty Bjornstad, Doesn't know if the committee speaks for the community. Feels some members of the committee are approaching other committee members to force them to go along with them. Doesn't think the committee is representing the entire Foothills interests.</p> <p>Public Comment Closed.</p>
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Agenda Item #3 **Review and approve the meeting summary for the March 31, 2010 meeting**

	The minutes were adopted, by consensus.
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Agenda Item #4 **Review proposed PDS and Committee modifications to the Draft Foothills Subarea Plan. Final approval of the revised 2010 Draft Foothills plan.**

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION	The committee reviewed proposed Planning Department modifications to address issues that have been identified since the Draft Foothills Subarea Plan was recommended by the committee in October 2007.
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	<p>These included the 10-year UGA review completed in 2009, the rural element review, including limited areas of more intensive rural development being conducted in 2009-2010, removal of outdated information and other issues. Committee recommendations on the proposed modifications to the chapters are summarized below.</p> <p>Chapter 5 was approved by consensus of the committee with changes. Chapter 6 was approved by consensus of the committee with changes. Chapter 8 was approved by consensus of the committee with no changes.</p> <p>Chapter 9 was approved by consensus of the committee with changes. Chapter 10 was approved by consensus of the committee with changes.</p> <p>Chapter 11 Discussion took place regarding Policies EN1-I (Whatcom County <i>should</i> or <i>shall</i>...) and EN1-J (Whatcom County <i>should</i> or <i>shall</i>...). By a 6-2 vote (Ayes: Banel, Cloward, Gehling, Piotrowski, Kern, Otto; Nays: Mower, Eskola) the committee retained the proposed wording <i>should</i>. The remaining changes to the chapter were approved by consensus of the committee.</p> <p>Chapter 12 –Discussion took place regarding the text, on page 5, relating to Light Impact Industrial designations; Eskola and Mower were not in favor of the deletions proposed and noted the changes were not made by consensus.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding Policy CV1-C with no changes being made.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding Policy CV1-D, with a 5-2-1 vote (Ayes: Banel, Cloward, Piotrowski, Kern, Otto; Nays: Mower, Eskola; Abstain: Gehling) to recommended the proposed language.</p> <p>The remaining changes to the chapter were approved by consensus.</p> <p>Chapter 13 was approved by consensus of the committee with change. Chapter 14 was approved by consensus of the committee with changes.</p> <p>Chapter 15 was approved by consensus of the committee with changes.</p> <p>The Committee recommended approval of the revised 2010 Draft Foothills Subarea Plan by a 6-2 vote. (Ayes: Banel, Cloward, Gehling, Piotrowski, Kern, Otto; Nays: Mower, Eskola)</p>
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Review proposed revisions to Whatcom County

Agenda Item #5 Comprehensive Plan Policy 2AA-12, relating to industrial zoning in the Columbia Valley UGA.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION	This policy references the policies in the Foothills Subarea Plan. Approved by consensus.
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Agenda Item #6 Review proposed changes to the General Commercial (GC) zoning text relating to the Columbia Valley UGA.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION	An amendment to the Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance to implement a policy in the Foothills Subarea Plan, by limiting residential development in the Columbia Valley GC zoning district. Approved by consensus.
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Agenda Item #7 Opportunity for Committee Members to Discuss Matters Not on the Agenda

<p>COMMITTEE DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Gary: There will need to be another meeting in order to approve the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>Lou: Stated he wrote the owners of 14 acres of land in Glacier regarding the desire for a rezone, but he has not heard back from them.</p> <p>Jan: Indicated that the Glacier Water District recognized this 14 acres as viable commercial property.</p>
<p>Agenda Item #8</p>	<p>Public Comment Period</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>