

Comprehensive Plan Update – 2007-2009

Neighborhood Group – General Meeting 1-9-08 6:30 pm
Nighthawk/Loomis/Horse Spring Coulee/Pine Creek

Introduction & Sign-in

Community Members Present: Dale Crandall, Jerry Barnes, Dean & Lillian Stansbury, Susan Cooksey, Stella Columbia, Jack & Karmen Beeman, Blair Losvar, Rob Stone, Mitch Spears, Daryl Perry, Dale Swedberg, and John & Joyce Herzog. Also, Nathan Wehmeyer (Okanogan County Planning Department)

Review of Minutes of Meeting of 12-12-07

Minutes accepted as presented except for a name correction. Change Mr. & Mrs. **Bill** Beeman to Mr. & Mrs. **Bert** Beeman.

Meeting Topics

- Neighborhood Area Boundary – Opinions were expressed to make boundary lines more topographical. It was a consensus to make this Neighborhood Group's boundaries as follows: east side: west of Hwy 97 to ridgeline (Whiskey Ridge); south side: to include South Pine Creek area; north and west sides to remain as proposed. Nathan and Ben from the Planning Department, Dale Crandall and the 97 Corridor Neighborhood Group will talk and create a new map with our proposed boundaries. This new map will include all the area that this group will be responsible for and make recommendations to the Planning Department.
- Review of Upper Methow Comprehensive Plan – Used only as an example for our own planning. We looked at the table of contents to see what this plan covered and the vocabulary to get an idea of the words by definition. Also looked at the Comprehensive Plan Goals (p. 20) to see what this group will need to accomplish. It was shared that we (this neighborhood group) needs to make recommendations for 1) Residential Density Development 2) Infrastructures (ie: fire fighting/control, EMS, etc) 3) Land Use – recreation, agriculture, forestry, grazing, mining, wildlife 4) Water Resources.
- Review of Lower Methow Visioning Draft – Used only as an example for our own planning. This is a similar group doing what we need to do in our Neighborhood Area. Opinions were expressed that it is a good draft.
- Visioning: Values and Characteristics – Definitions and/or examples of values and characteristics were given. After much discussion, it was agreed that the following areas (listed in no particular order) need to be address:
 - Open Space/Natural Beauty/Aesthetics
 - Rural Environment/Low Population/Peace and Quiet/Solitude/Lack of traffic, noise
 - Sense of Community/Small Town Values/Long term full-time residents/Friendly Neighbors
 - Recreation, Public Access, Natural Resources (including clean air/water)
 - Current lack of: large scale development, light pollution, ridge top development
 - Agriculture
 - Protection of Wildlife
 - Historical Interests
 - Rivers and Lakes
 - Working Lands

Topics for next meeting:

- Discuss Zoning patterns throughout the County such as lot sizes and uses
- Well Data Maps and Water Resource issues
- Factual Characteristics for values and prioritize them
- Development of Recreational Areas – ie: marinas, restaurants, ORV areas, etc.
- Development of Loomis in the future

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Loomis Fire Hall February 13, 2008 at 6:30 pm (second Wednesday of the month)

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Cooksey