

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report Form

Name of Agency: Pullman Planning Commission **Date:** Nov. 7, 2018
Observer Reporting: Alice Schroeder **Length of Meeting:** _____
Members Present/Absent: Jon Anderson, Brent Carper, Chris Clark, Dave Gibney, Marcia Gossard, Joe O'Callaghan, Scott Vik

Others Present (i.e., media, public): Planning director, Pete Dickinson, secretary, Several members of the public

Content (What is being discussed):

The Daily News of Nov. 8, 2018 summarized the meeting very well. I have attached a scan of the article.

Also discussed was a letter to the City Council from the Planning Commission opposing turning their hearing duties over to a Hearing Examiner. In brief the commissioners feel they are doing a better job than an outside examiner could do. Tonight's hearing was an example. Someone not familiar with the city might not have seen the potential problems of rezoning the land purchased for a new City Hall to C3. Note: the building of a City Hall there can still proceed with Conditional Zoning permits, of which the Planning Commission does approve. Conditional permits mean more paper work for the City but would allow better control of planning and prevent inappropriate C3 uses.

In both zoning issues, the Planning Commission was concerned for access in line with League priorities.

Public Meetings of interest to League –

The annexation of the Quist property will go to the City Council for a hearing. Hiring of a Hearing Examiner is of concern to the commission. Does the League have a position on this? Eventually a letter to the City Council might be appropriate.

Process & Protocol (Observations about participants, conduct, and procedures of the meeting):

It is clear that the commission would like to see more public interest.