

Name of Agency: *Whitman County Planning Commission* **Date:** *Oct 3, 2018, 7:00 PM*

Observer Reporting: Shelley Chambers Fox

Length of Meeting: 1 hr _

Members Present: Keith Paulson, Robert Hill, Chad Whetzel, Dave Gibney, Ryan Davies, Russ Jamison, Alan Thomson (county planner), Eleanor Hubert note taker

Absent: Matt Sutherland, Guy Williams, Gary Moore, Katrin Kunz (assistant county planner)

Others Present (i.e., media, public): Ken Duft and 5 other citizens.

There are 2 new commissioners that were appointed during the 2 month recess: Gary Moore and Ryan Davies.

Content (What is being discussed):

1. Most of the discussion tonight was directed at crafting a response to the letter from PNW/McCoy Land Company requesting that the rezone of 66 acres located south of Dusty be stayed. The company will withdraw the rezone request and will instead request a conditional use permit. The application for a conditional use permit requires sufficient detail that it may resolve the issues raised at the meeting in September. The second part of the public hearing about this matter had been postponed until further notice by a written notice in the Colfax Gazette earlier this week. The commissioners decided to give the company and the public 90 days to consider the detailed conditional use permit request; the hearing was postponed until Feb 6, 2019, at 7 pm.
2. Next the commissioners discussed the update of County Critical Areas Ordinance required by June 30, 2020. This Ordinance will regulate development around the wetlands and Palouse Prairie in Whitman County. The draft was sent to Dept of Commerce for a 60 day comment period 2 days ago. Following that there is a 60 day appeal period. There are about 120 days for commissioners to make their last edits.
3. The Commissioners also discussed changes to Chapter 19.05 – Administration and Enforcement. This is a document that governs how the Planning office and commission interact with the public, when and how notifications are sent and who can issue permits. These changes will eventually need to be made in a public hearing (next month).
4. Other Matters:
 - a. Sundance South has requested a permit for a residential subdivision immediately west of the Evergreen community. The comment period on this request is open
 - b. A decision on an Administrative Use Permit for Weis Towers who is proposing a new cell tower on Bald Butte is still pending information to be provided by the company.
 - c. Shoreline of the State Substantial Development Permit. A permit to develop the shoreline of Union Flat Creek was requested by David Baumgartner to build a pedestrian bridge over Union Flat Creek. His request is under the 30 day comment period right now.