

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Planning Commission

Date: 8/11//2021

Observer Reporting: Jessica D. Cassleman

Call to order: 7:04pm

Planning Commission VIRTUAL Regular Meeting that was held remotely due to COVID 19

Members Present: Dave Gibney (Chair), John Anderson (Vice-chair), Brent Carper, Marcia Gossard, Scott Hodge, Joe O'Callaghan, Bob Olsen, Stephanie Rink, and Scott Vik.

Others Present: RJ Lott (Pullman Planning Director); Cynthia Goodwater (City of Pullman staff), Lisa Grueter – Berk; Jonathan Morales – Berk, Megan XXX, Bobbie Ryder; Judy Meuth; Alex Hammond; Karl Boehmke; Allison Munch-Rotolo and Jessica Cassleman (LWV Observer).

Agenda: Review of the Comprehensive Plan. Legislative Public Hearing.

Items discussed

Final review of Comprehensive Plan before submission to the City Council, scheduled for September 2021.

Once final review is completed, it will be submitted to the City Council for approval and adoption.

Comments were received not only by Commissioners, but also: Bobbie Ryder, Judy Meuth – Citizens' Climate Lobby Palouse Chapter; Karl Boehmke, Alex Hammond, Allison Munch Rotolo. RJ provided much needed information/background on the City.

1. Motion by John Anderson and second by Marcia Gossard to allow Lisa Grueter and Jonathan Morales consultants from Berk, to work with RJ Lott, Pullman Planning Director, to make **final edits** to the Plan as discussed during the meeting.

Permission granted. **Unanimous to make official edits and revisions discussed.**

2. Motion by John Anderson and second by Marcia Gossard to move the revised Comprehensive Plan forward to the City Council once revised by RJ and the consultants to be approved by the Council.

Motion unanimously approved.

Brent Carper recognized RJ for his efforts and going to bat for the Commission by going to the Council to allow the Commission to go through the whole document and offer input.

Lisa Grueter also congratulated Dave Gibney for his leadership throughout the process.

RJ also recognized the long process to revise the Comprehensive Plan, and the work completed by the Commission. He thanked the Planning Commission for their work on behalf of the City of Pullman; they are very appreciative.

Additional comments/opinions:

It was excellent to listen to community members' comments who spent the time reviewing the Plan and made suggestions as the revision of the Comprehensive Plan took place. It was very positive to hear public comments thanking the commission for their thorough review of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission was very involved and went through the Plan in details. Excellent edits were made and it moved smoothly with quite a bit of participation. There are still a couple commissioners who never make comments or offer ideas.

Process & Protocol: Did the members appear to have done their "homework"?

David Gibney methodically led the meeting and moved the meeting steadily accepting comments from the public as well as from commissioners.

Were members courteous to each other and the public? YES, very.

Was access to materials for certain agenda items available to you? YES, material was submitted ahead of time and access to the meeting was very easy. Agenda and documents to be discussed were available in the website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM

Submitted, August 21, 2021

Next regular meeting on August 25th.