

# League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Whitman County Planning Commission Date: Jan 19, 2022

Observer Reporting: Shelley Chambers Fox Length of Meeting: 1 hr 20 minutes  
Members Present: Chad Whetzel, Dave Gibney, Brian Davies, Keith Paulson, Russ Jamison, Matt Webb, Fred Wexler.

**Absent:** Erina Hammer, Weston Kane

Others Present (i.e., media, public): Staff: Alan Thomson, Whitman County Planner; Grace Di Biase, Whitman County Assistant Planner; Mark Storey, County Engineer, Brandon Johnson, Public Works, Elinor Huber, Notetaker, Public: Ken Duft, Karen Hinnenkamp.

*As the meeting was starting Gabe Lackox and another member of the public hacked in and created some issues.*

## Reports:

- a. Forthcoming Administrative Use Permits – **Cell tower reconstruction** for Whitman County Emergency Management Department located on Story Road.
- b. Forthcoming **Shoreline of the State Substantial Development Permits** – Helena Agri-Enterprises barge line pipe installation at Central Ferry

**Old business: Continue updating of the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan.** The current Whitman County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1978. It is available at [Comprehensive Plan | Whitman County, WA](#). The proposal is to go through the Plan line by line, chapter by chapter. In the next meetings the Commission will continue reviewing, answering questions and discussing the plan at each meeting. This may require meeting the first and third Wednesday of the month. Chapter 1, the introduction, will be reviewed last since they will have a better picture of what the introduction should look like at the end of the process.

1. **Tonight Commissioners read through the complete documents** to make sure everyone is okay with the changes that have been made.
  - a. There was a discussion on the font and formatting of the Plan, and the commissioners preferred that these be consistent throughout.
  - b. The section describing the Planning Commission workshops to craft the Comprehensive Plan is at the end of the document rather than the section where public meetings are described. It will describe the dates of the planning commission meetings that created this draft.
  - c. There had been a decision to remove hyperlinks except for those that are controlled by the county.
  - d. Consultants will check the data to ensure that it is current.
  - e. Commissioners reviewed the photos that are proposed to be included. They should present the most recent view of each County area.
  - f. **The consultants will be asked to finalize the document before it is presented at the final public meeting. Alan does not think that it will be ready for the meeting February 2, but perhaps for the second meeting in February. It is likely the plan will be ready to go before the Board of Commissioners in March or April.**
  - g. Reminder: The most recent draft of the Comprehensive Plan can be found at [Comprehensive Plan | Whitman County, WA](#)
2. Chad Whetzel would like to update the Planning Commission bylaws at the first meeting in February.
3. Next project is to update the Shoreline Master plan which will be done jointly with the towns and the unincorporated county.

**Process & Protocol:** (Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting) *e.g., Did the members appear to have done their “homework”?* Yes *Were members courteous to each other and the public?* Yes. *Was access to materials for certain agenda items available to you?* Yes, the most recent copy of the Comprehensive Plan, agenda and supporting materials were sent via email. Next meeting: **February 2, 2022** assuming there are enough commissioners who can attend.