

**WHITMAN COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
November 6, 2019
Minutes**

MEMBERS:

**Chad Whetzel, Chairman
Keith Paulson
Dave Gibney
Matt Sutherland**

**Guy Williams
Brian Davies
Gary Moore**

Staff: Mark Storey, WC Director/Engineer; Alan Thomson, WC Planner; Katrin Kunz, WC Assistant Planner; Elinor Huber, Clerk.

Audience: Ken Duft, Pullman; Shelley Chambers, Pullman; Zak Kennedy, Lamont; Carla Burton Keifer, Pullman; Jim Burton, Pullman; Nicole Lee, Pullman; Brandon Woodland, Pullman;

7:03 p.m. – Chad Whetzel opened the meeting with introductions of staff and audience.

MOTION by Guy Williams and seconded by Brian Davies to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019, meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

Board of Adjustment forthcoming hearing – None.

Forthcoming Administrative Use Permits: Weis Towers is still pending. I reported last time that we've gone up there with a couple of botanists and decided that we have not definitely given them a no answer, but I think that that site that they were originally choosing is not going to happen. But I have not said yes or no yet.

There is another site right in front of the existing tower that may be appropriate and they are looking into that. I told Weis Towers that we need to go back up there in the spring time to do another review with the botanists because right now, or when we were last up there we couldn't see the plants very well. Well enough to know that there is prairie there but the botanists recommended that we go back up in the spring.

So, I let Weis Towers know that, and they seemed to be okay with it so they are reviewing a potential other site right now. So, we have no more information than that.

Guy Williams – Do you expect to have that done before you retire?

Alan Thomson – Hopefully, it doesn't take that long. Also on Kamiak Butte, we've basically told them there cannot be a new tower going up there. It is all prairie. There are three towers already there and I suggested that they try and negotiate putting their equipment, AT & T, putting their equipment on one of the existing towers and they are looking into that.

They came up with a reason previously why that wouldn't work and now that they know pretty much the prairie is all around that area, a new tower will not happen there. They are going to look into the existing towers to see if they can put their equipment there. Which is what the code encourages anyway, co-location. So, that is where we stand with that one. We haven't heard anything further back from them but they are trying to get them back on another tower.

Forthcoming Variances – None.

Update on previous conditional uses and variances. Boyer Park marina dock replacement and rehabilitation CUP was approved on October 10, 2019. That was a simple thing with no issues associated with that one.

Update on previous administrative use permits – None.

Board of County Commissioners' action – The Critical Areas Ordinance was officially adopted on November 4, 2019. So, we are done with that. Thank you very much for helping out with that one. Now we have the appropriate definitions back in the ordinance.

Previous Board of County Commissioners' action – None.

Forthcoming Shoreline of the State Substantial Development Permits – None.

Update on previous Shoreline of the State Substantial Development permits – None.

Planning Commission forthcoming hearings – We don't have anything in the immediate future. That's it for reports.

Guy Williams – What have you been doing if there is nothing that has been done?

Alan Thomson – Working on this cannabis ordinance. It has been taking a little bit of my time.

Unfinished Business - Continue discussion on cannabis ordinance.

New Business – None.

7:07 p.m. - Adjourned to workshop.