

**MINUTES OF THE
SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
April 25, 2019**

A meeting of the Spokane County Planning Commission was called to order by Stephen Pohl, at 8:59 a.m. on April 25, 2019 in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building, Spokane, WA.

Present

Stephen Pohl, Chair	Jim Carollo
Pete Rayner, Vice Chair	Wayne Brokaw
Clyde Haase	Deacon Band

Staff

John Pederson, Planning Director, Spokane County Department of Building and Planning
Robert Brock, Planner, Spokane County Department of Building and Planning
Cami Dole, Commercial Appraiser, Spokane County Assessor's Office

Interested parties show on the attached copy of the Sign-In Sheet.

- 1. Call to Order:** Stephen Pohl called the meeting to order.
- 2. Public Comment:** There were no public comments.
- 3. Briefing on Spokane County Open Space Programs:** Robert Brock and Cami Dole gave a brief overview of the Open Space Program which was enacted by the State in 1970 to promote food, fiber and forest products and to protect cultural and scenic locations. They explained the various program designations for specific land uses as well as which ones are overseen by either the Building and Planning Department or the Assessor's Office. Ms. Dole outlined the Assessor's administration process and requirements of the program.
- 4. Public Hearing:** FAC-02-18. Mr. Brock presented his report on two parcels in a Rural Conservation zone owned by Jo Ann Stafford, located on the North and South side of Eloika Lake Rd. He explained that the owners want to keep the land in a farm-ready condition for the next owner but are unable to actively farm it themselves due to their age. The applicants submitted a farm plan saying they would control noxious weeds. Peter Rayner moved to approve the application, Jim Carollo seconded it, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Public Hearing:** FAC-03-18. Mr. Brock presented his report on one parcel in a Rural Conservation zone owned by Thomas and Theresa McCarthy located on the North side of Whitetail Ln. near Eagle Nest Ln. The applicants intend to keep the land ready for use in 2021 to raise cattle and submitted a farm plan stating that they would manage noxious weeds. Deacon Band moved to approve the application and Jim Carollo seconded it. Following some brief discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Public Hearing:** FAC-01-19. Mr. Brock presented his report on one parcel in a Large Tract Agricultural zone owned by Frederick Hansen, which is accessed by Hansen Rd. He explained that the applicant wants to split the designation so that 85.26 acres are designated Forest, and 27.10 acres are designated as Farm and Agricultural Conservation. The Applicant's farm plan indicated the intent to manage any noxious weeds. Clyde Haase moved to approve the application, Pete Rayner seconded it, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Hearing: FAC-02-19. Mr. Brock presented his report on two parcels in a Rural Traditional zone owned by Lawrence and Patricia Orebaugh, located at the intersection of Starr Rd. and Cole Ave. near the Idaho border. The Mr. Brock said the applicants are requesting a change in tax classification from Farm and Agricultural Land to Farm and Agricultural Conservation and intend to keep the land farm ready. The applicants' Farm Plan included a noxious weed and pest control strategy. Wayne Brokaw moved to approve the application, Mr. Rayner seconded it, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Action on Minutes of: December 13, 2018. Mr. Rayner noted that there was an error on page one of the minutes. Mr. Brokaw moved to adopt the minutes with the noted correction, a vote was taken, and it carried unanimously.

9. Staff Report: John Pederson informed the Planning Commission that six 2019 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendments have been submitted and will be coming before them for review, as well as two holdover Comprehensive Plan Map Amendments from 2018. He also said that there will be Text Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code to ensure that the Low Density Residential definition is consistent between the two.

10. Planning Commission Issues: None.

11. Set Next Agenda. The date of the next meeting is to be determined. Mr. Rayner moved to adjourn, a vote was taken, and it carried unanimously at 10:19 a.m.



Stephen Pohl, Chair
Approved: 6/27/19

Jane Farstrider, Clerk of the Planning Commission