



JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING WASCO COUNTY & CITY OF THE DALLES

Thursday, April 26, 2012
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
Classroom
5000 Discovery Drive
The Dalles, OR 97058

WORK SESSION NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The session was called to order at 6:00 PM.

I. **ROLL CALL**

Gorge Commission: Darren Nichols, Executive Director

County: Jon Roberts, Planning Director;

Planning Commissioners: Don Hoffman, Chair; Mike Omeg; Jill Amery; Chip Wood;
Ken McBain

Other County Staff: Jeanette Montour, Sr. Planner; Joey Shearer, Associate Planner

City: Dan Durow, Planning Director

Planning Commissioners: Bruce Lavier, Chair; Mark Poppoff; John Nelson;
Dennis Whitehouse

Other City Staff: Gene Parker, City Attorney; Richard Gassman, Sr. Planner,
Dawn Marie Hert, Associate Planner

Consultant: Greg Winterowd, Winterbrook Consultants

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments.

III. **PRESENTATION:** Darren Nichols, Executive Director, Columbia River Gorge Commission

Mr. Nichols introduced himself and gave his work history and background.

Common interest: working together to protect and enhance our community/city/county/scenic area

Unexpected Opportunities (savings)

Embark on a consensus of stakeholders' aspirations, concerns and issues

Project conception – PSU + UW + WSU = assessment level of consensus in the National Scenic Area (NSA)

120 stakeholders compiled (cities, state, county, tribes, federal, recreational uses, agriculture, special interest groups) series of interviews. Purpose: to help prioritize topics for discussion.

Build trust, collaborate, work together

Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Area – suggestions to both commissions about an “open communication between agencies.”

IV. WORK SESSION: Mr. Durow talked about Goal 10 and 11—what to expect in terms of process

Mr. Winterowd gave a presentation.

Explanation of UGB expansion:

- Archaeology
- Buildable Lands
- Natural Features
- Key Viewing Areas

Phase II Work Program Tasks:

- Cultural Resources Management Plan and LUDO Amendments (June)
- Public Facilities Plans (June)
- Revised UGB Alternative Analysis (June)
- Local, State, Federal Coordination and adoption process

Mr. Winterowd fielded questions/comments:

Nichols – Who goes first, City, County or Scenic Area?

Winterowd – Scenic Area

It was pointed out that the UGB expansion area is located in NSA property

Hoffman – Any expansion of a UGB would reduce the overall area of the NSA

Nichols – Commission (NSA) has authority for minor amendments. Nichols feels our community, not congress, can make a definition of “minor.”

Durow directed people to the City's website for all of the information used in this work session.

Winterowd – Flexibility in interpretation in regards to the UGB area

Nichols – Opportunity for this group to work together, find common ground and prepare a “unified front”

Dave Ellis (archaeological consultant) – Addressing archaeological issues, richest regions in the Northwest. Produces opportunities and challenges looking at other communities and how it has been addressed. It's a matter of deciding when and at what level of review to identify archaeological sites.

State regulates all historic artifacts on public or private lands.

Lavier – What would be expected on a site?

Ellis – Seasonal camps, temporary dwellings, chip shavings. Also human remains—very hard to predict. Other items: roots

Omeg – Asked about getting a polygon to get references for aerial photos.

Durow – will get back to him with information

Mike Elmore and Tim Ashmore of Chenoweth PUD – Public Facilities Plan – keenly interested in the process

V. ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 PM