

AGENDA

Castle Rock Planning Commission January 19, 2005 7:00 p.m.

- I. Visual Preference Survey
- II. Finalize Urban Growth Boundary
- III. Finalize Land Use Goals
- IV. What is “Smart Growth”
 - a. How it is incorporated into subdivision design
- V. Goals for next Meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

Visual Preference Survey

The group was briefed on the completion of the visual preference survey. The survey is a compilation of pictures sent from the Local Government Commission and shots taken from Battleground, La Center, Centralia, Longview, and Colorado. The group took the survey themselves and Erdman scored the results. Once the survey was completed discussion on changes took place. The group went through each picture and the overall process and suggested; more time between slides, a pause every 5-10 slides, add pictures of neighborhood churches, pictures of neighborhood mailbox options, and to show some examples of the slides before the actual survey.

A letter asking for involvement from the local organizations was mailed out last week and the group discussed mailing out a follow up letter to set some dates for conducting the surveys.

Urban Growth Boundary

A map of the proposed urban growth boundary was passed out to receive comments. Planning advisor Erdman took the suggestions of the group and added to it. Erdman also took out a chunk of the advised area to the East due to steep terrain and the natural gas pipeline. The Planning Commission was asked to think about any changes. The group concluded that Erdman will talk to Dave Vorse (Public Works Director) about current service boundaries, and ask City Council for input.

Land Use Goals

During November's meeting some minor changes were made to the Land Use goals. The changes were passed out and reviewed. No further changes were made to the Land use goals. The goals are considered to be in final form pending public review.

Smart Growth

An article explaining "smart growth" was passed out to the group for comment. Erdman explained the underlying concepts behind "smart growth." The concepts are to prevent sprawl but being conscious about development. This is done by incorporating everyday activities into area development to reduce dependency on automobiles, land, and abundance of convenience stores. The group liked the concepts but have a hard time visualizing it in a City the size of Castle Rock.

Plan of Action

1. Make changes to the Visual Preference Survey
2. Send out a follow up letter to City organizations to set dates for conducting survey
3. Gather examples on Open Space Subdivision design
4. Complete draft for the Land Use section
5. Meet with Dave Vorse and City Council about Urban Growth Boundary