

Manchester Community Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - 5:45-8:30 pm
Kitsap County Administration Building
Commissioners Chambers

MEETING SUMMARY

Open House – Citizens were invited to view maps and ask questions of staff from 5:45 – 6:30.

Introduction – Commissioner Jan Angel welcomed the group, and indicated she was excited to see so many participants. Commissioner Angel noted that she would not attend all future meetings—only the milestone meetings—and that as a Commissioner, her actual involvement at these meetings must be restrained and limited.

Overview of planning process and role of County – Scott Diener, Manager, Community Planning Division, asked for a show of hands on LAMIRD residency: approx 50 of 60 attendees were within LAMIRD while the remainder lived outside of the LAMIRD (and two were not sure). Scott explained that posted maps were available to review, a suggested framework for plan update was subcommittee breakout by chapter, that both staff and community members would need to assist in data update, and that mandatory language will be needed. Scott also noted: the County’s role was to provide guidance for product for a Planning Commission work session of May 22 and introduction to the legislative process by September; a short time frame required strategic and coordinated review; and the final goal for staff is a legally defensible plan that comes from the community.

LAMIRD discussion – Scott Diener presented a brief overview of some of the legal issues surrounding changes to the “logical outer boundary” of a LAMIRD (Limited Area of More Intense Rural Development). He asked people who were specifically interested in this issue to sign up for a separate meeting that will be held to discuss the issues more fully.

Elements of a Community Plan – Linda Bentley, Senior Planner, Community Planning Division, reviewed the five elements from the existing Manchester Community Plan: Zoning and Development Regulations; Natural Systems; Transportation; Public Infrastructure and Public Facilities and Parks, and suggested that people sign up to work on the update of one or more of those elements.

Comments From Residents – see next two pages.

Schedule of Next Steps – Citizens agreed that next meeting should be held at the Administration Building, where people could divide into the working groups after the general presentation and question and answer period. Staff will send notices of meetings by email. All information

regarding the community plan update process – agendas, summaries, handouts, etc. – will also be available on the Manchester webpage on the county website.

A BCC-appointed ‘citizen advisory group’ – Several members wanted, as part of a final product, the installation of a BCC-appointed council or committee, so that there is one officially sanctioned voice for the LAMIRD. Staff indicated they would provide models to Commissioner Angel.

February 27th Manchester Community Meeting Public Testimony:

Name: Carrilu Thompson

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

Have County help with setup – break up into smaller groups. Large group meeting for updates. Counting on the County for legality of plan.

Name: Lyle Burbidge

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

Vision for Manchester is not being adhered to. People are interested in developing condos with no regard for traffic or roads. Would like a plan with some teeth. Two-story was advised, three-story was built. Supports reasonable change and an enforceable vision. Retain small town quaintness. View blocking is not fair. Total development, especially of condos, is not good for the County. Would like design standards.

Name: Carole Leininger

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

We feel betrayed. Standards committee is meeting and we’re starting to draw a design for the commercial area. Does not approve of condos in the downtown area.

Name: Jeff Miller

Inside LAMIRD: No

Manchester Heights Plats. 15 people on the committee; none from conservation groups. Beaver Creek Conservation group. Wants development done intelligently.

Name: Leslie Hassett

Inside LAMIRD: No

Manchester Heights has impact on the rural community. Impacts on schools, streams, etc. Requests a call for another meeting regarding the LAMIRD discussion.

Name: Mark Rebelowski

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

Lives in a condo. New buildings do not require green space? Need a second exit from the Post Office. Lot sizes. Design standards.

Name: JB Bartell

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

No teeth to the plan. No enforceable rules. Traffic during the summer. Limit the number of condos. Fence around the water retention pond at the end of Mile Hill.

Name: Bob Lamb

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

We need to say "That is a great idea, and here's how you fashion it". Against change.

Name: Bud Larsen

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

Concerned with traffic and storm water.

Name: Denise Burbidge

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

Develop wisely and preserve our community. Change will happen; supports responsible decisions.

Name: Richard Brown

Inside LAMIRD: ?

We should be fighting for the future. Changes be made in red. Make sure that document is seen in the end. Ordinances are not made for Manchester; they are made for the County. Ask for reasonable, trackable things.

Name: Ron Rigg

Inside LAMIRD: Yes

Areas modified:

Manchester Community Council, appointed by Commissioners to address concerns of the community. Wanted moratorium on accepting any permits in commercial corridor until plan is redone. *Note: Comm Angel and staff committed to looking at this as a separate and quickly-reviewed issue for the next meeting.*

Name: Debbie Trudeau

Inside:

Asks that people on the committee be from various areas in Manchester. Recreational areas for children.