

**FREMONT COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
Preferred Land Use Map Resolution**

Date: December 30, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fremont County Annex Building

Attended by: Commissioners Paul Romrell, Skip Hurt, and Lee Miller

Also attended by: Deputy Clerk Cathy Conger, and Planning & Building Administrator Stephen Loosli

Commissioner Romrell called the hearing to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed the public.

Commissioner Romrell introduced those in attendance. He reviewed the schedule for the evening.

Commissioner Romrell stated that this is the time and place for the hearing for the Preferred Land Use Map resolution for Fremont County as advertised. Commissioner Romrell asked Deputy Clerk Cathy Conger and Planning & Building Administrator Stephen Loosli if proper notice had been given and they both responded that it had.

Commissioner Romrell asked if any of the commissioners have a conflict of interest. Commissioner Miller responded no; Commissioner Romrell responded no; Commissioner Hurt responded no.

Written comments would have to have been submitted to the County Clerk's Office 8 days prior to the hearing. There were none submitted.

Planning & Building Administrator Stephen Loosli gave an opening statement explaining the changes as described in the resolution. Mr. Loosli discussed the three options that have been available to the commissioners.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide for public comment. Commissioner Romrell explained that the public comments will be kept to three minutes each. Commissioner Miller read through the sign in sheet for those in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neal Shirley (2202 E 300 N, St. Anthony) Against
Mr. Shirley addressed his comments to the designation of the changes in regards to Chester for the preferred land use map.

Mr. Shirley submitted his comments as Exhibit A at 6:09pm.

JB Curr (2218 E 300 N, St. Anthony) Against

Mr. Curr addressed his comments to the designation of the changes in regards to Chester for the preferred land use map.

Paul Potter (786 N 3120 E Chester) Against

The map has Chester down as infill. He would like Chester as rural conservation. He would like that designation changed.

Cammy Potter (786 N 3120 E Chester) Against

She would like Chester to be rural conservation not rural infill.

Annette Miller (3128 E 800 N Chester) Against

She feels that they have been treated unfairly. She wants to see Chester as rural conservation.

Steve Trafton (830 Hidden Estates Lane, St. Anthony) Against

He was surprised to see Chester as rural infill. He believes that it should be rural living.

Dale Potter (3949 Highway 32, Ashton) Against

He has a farm in Chester. He feels that Chester has voiced their opinion against this and it should be rural conservation.

Greg Stoddard (1991 E 183 N, Rexburg) Support

His area of interest is St. Anthony to the south of the Rexburg border. The commercial industrial zoning has been placed closer to the highway for easier access without having to go through agricultural areas. Two businesses have come into the area that has been directly affected by this in a positive way.

Tom Howell (726 N 3200 E, Chester) Against

There is a new lavender farm in the county. Section 24 of township 7 range 40 E – he is in support of changing that to rural infill. This area is filled with farming and residences and is not a good area for commercial operations. He is not in favor of the proposed commercial area along highway. This will create a dead zone. He would propose that the commercial designation be where there is current gravel pits and housing is minimal.

Mr. Howell submitted his comments as exhibit B at 6:25pm.

Linda Howell (726 N 3200 E, Chester) Against

She questions the development but is understanding of it. She feels that this is too late. She would like an improved buffering ordinance.

Rex Ostberg (3334 Highway 20 Chester) Against

He feels that it is his duty to be here to oppose this although he doesn't feel that they are represented or heard. He feels that this is not for the good of the people but for greed and money. He feels that there is a difference between property rights and zoning. He is disappointed in the commissioners that we have now. He doesn't believe that more people bring more of an economic base. He has a petition with 245 signatures opposing the development code.

Mr. Ostberg submitted this petition as exhibit C at 6:31pm

Pam Ostberg (3334 Highway 20 Chester) Against

As she took the petition around there were only two people who did not want to sign it. They want to keep the area conservative and feel that they are not being listened to.

Pam Williams (798 West Street Chester) Against

As a business owner it would be beneficial however she is not opening the store to make a lot of money. This is her third time talking and has felt that Planning and Zoning have agreed with her and now it is rural infill. She does not understand why this is. She would like Chester to be rural conservation

Reed Hill (9200 Outlaw Pass, Menan) Support

He is dismayed about the attitudes that he has heard here. He feels that the commission has done well and would like to see them move forward on this.

Tom Ostberg (701 N 3000 E Chester) Against

The majority of the residents are not supportive of the land use designation. He stays there because of the lack of population. Commissioner Hurt asked if he understood that this is not a zoning map. He said that he did and would like to see it rural conservation.

Bob Lamoreaux (4115 E 465 N, Rigby) Support

He thinks that the area can be preserved even with the proposed map.

Dale Swenson (2353 E 200 N St. Anthony) Against

A few of them have put together a map on what they could see Wilford looking like in twenty or thirty years. It is designated as commercial industrial. He feels that the zoning should be split apart.

Kim Ragotzkie (580 Maple Leaf, Ashton) Against

Idaho Code requires this as part of the comprehensive plan. Residents of the Chester area have made it clear that they want to remain as rural conservation as they do not want to see high density.

Neihlee Muir (708 N 3000 E Chester) Against

Does not feel that rural infill is in the best interest of Chester at this point.

Zane Abegglen (844 Hidden Estates Lane, St. Anthony) against
He supports rural conservation for Chester.

Dusty Abegglen (906 N 2925 E, Chester) Against
He wants things to stay the way they are. He feels that it is disrespectful to not follow what the community has asked. He does not want it to be like Driggs. He would like to see the subdivisions that are there currently get filled before building more.

Vance Blanchard (731 N 2900 E, Chester) Against
He would also like things to remain as they are.

Steve Huber (248 N 2300 E Wilford) Support
He favors the commercial growth along the highway. He does not believe that any billboards should be included in that. Industrial and commercial zones should be separate. Growth is going to happen regardless so at least we are being smart about it.

Commissioner Romrell stated that they have 60 days to make a determination, and if changes are made that are significant this ordinance will go back to another hearing.

Commissioner Romrell stated that there will be no more public comment after this meeting.

Commissioner Romrell thanked everyone for the comments and their attendance.

The hearing was closed at 6:54 p.m. by Commissioner Romrell.

There being no further business to come before the board, the hearing was adjourned.

Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Cathy Conger, Deputy Clerk