

PRESS RELEASE RE: PEND OREILLE COUNTY 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING, MAY 22, 6:00PM-9:00PM, NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

The County received four applications for the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

As part of the Comprehensive Plan update process, the Planning Commission held public hearings to hear applicant and public testimony on the current applications and to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners will now hold a public hearing to hear applicant and public testimony on the current applications, as well, and also to consider any written comments received. That is the purpose of the May 22 meeting, as well as to review Pend Oreille County's regulations to determine whether that criteria is met.

A reminder that written comments may be submitted in writing to Greg Snow, Director of Community Development, 418 South Scott Ave./P.O. Box 5066, Newport, WA, gsnow@pendoreille.org, prior to the public hearing.

The Board will allow each member of the public a 2-minute time period to voice their position on the particular file. The Planning Commission By-Laws state, "Information submitted should be factual, relevant, and not merely duplication of previous presentation."

The order of testimony will be: The applicant presentation, any questions from the Board, proponents then present their testimony, opponents then present their testimony, other interested parties, brief rebuttal for proponents and opponents, close of the hearing.

After the public hearing, at a Commissioners regular board meeting, the Board will conduct deliberations and will make a decision based upon the record from the hearing as well as all of the materials that were a part of the record from the previous Planning Commission hearings.

Commissioner Chair Karen Skoog, Vice Chair Mike Manus, and Commissioner Steve Kiss