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Re: Comp Plan

1 message

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Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 9:08 AM

This email has been received by the Planning Department.
A staff member will be in contact with you.

Thank you,
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On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 7:29 AM 'pam duquette' via Mail-Planning <planning@bonnercountyid.gov> wrote:
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To Our Esteemed Bonner County Planning Commission Members:

As an engaged citizen trying to stay informed on issues important to our community, I am just learning about the complicated process of developing a comprehensive plan. I understand that the plan and any changes will have far reaching impacts in Bonner County. In a time of growth and change I welcome a process that includes well noticed workshops designed to educate the community about proposed changes. These workshops should offer enough time for all to learn, understand, and give input on the comprehensive plan.

I am a resident of Sandpoint at this time, but have lived in the county for 42 years. The changes I have seen do not reflect the people's wishes, or what the comprehensive plan states as goals. I am all for protecting our amazing water resources and maintaining our rural character. These being reasons I live here. We have developments in wetland areas, an unsightly construction project (wonder for who?) on 5th and Cedar, and the Bridge Street plans were certainly not in the community's best interest or desires.

On a quick side note, I overheard an out of town visitor lamenting the changes she sees each time she visits. If our development and changes are done for tourists and business, some of these changes may not be what tourists come to our area for.

I don't see anywhere that the science and data on climate change is being addressed in any of the comp plan sections. We need time to investigate the impact population growth and climate will play in our future. This also will take time.

Unfortunately, I like many others will not be around this month to attend the hastily set forth workshops. Our amazing albeit short summer is a busy time for most of us. In order to get the goals, objectives, and policies right I feel we need more time. Why rush this? It makes us feel like our input is not valued.

I understand that the Planning Commission members can set their own timelines, so let's extend your fast approaching recommendation to the County Commissioners to better plan for our future. Please work to preserve what we have here as we are truly blessed. Some changes will be irreversible.

Thank you,
Pam Duquette

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