

**Bonner County  
Subarea Comprehensive Plan  
Blanchard**

Public Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2018

**Opening**

The meeting of the Blanchard area comprehensive plan was opened by Planning Director Milton Ollerton at 6:06 on Thursday, May 31, 2018 in the Blanchard Community Center in Blanchard Idaho.

**Staff Introductions:**

Planning Director Milton Ollerton; Floodplain Manager Jason Johnson; Planner I Marc Pecnik; Planner I Caitlyn Reeves; Planner I Sam Ross; Compliance Investigator Frank Chavez; Compliance Investigator Lee Cornelison; and Office Manager Jeannie Welter

**New Business**

Director Ollerton spoke about the current growth in the area. He spoke specifically about the increase in the number of Building Location Permits over the past few years. He stated the number of Building Location Permits we had last years ranked us at fifth in the state. He spoke about the comprehensive plan and current zoning in the area. He shared with the group some of the application requests currently going on in the Blanchard area. He explained what the committees would do in the process of creating an area plan.

Floodplain Manager Jason Johnson explained that planning starts with the Comprehensive plan. He further stated that out of the Comprehensive plan comes zoning. He presented a handout explaining what a Comprehensive plan is and is not. He encouraged the audience to participate in the process as this plan will be important for their area in the future regarding growth and development. He stated once a Comprehensive Plan is adopted it has force of law. He stated once a plan is in place, agencies such as Idaho Transportation Department will look at the plan and take it into consideration when planning projects.

Director Ollerton stated the purpose is not to create regulations rather we are trying to give the community an opportunity to more acutely define itself. He told the audience this is their chance to participate in their community.

Several members of the public asked questions regarding the following which were addressed by the planning staff:

- What is the Blanchard area;
- How will this process change what the map looks like
- Zoning

Director Ollerton spoke about what “area of city impact” means; stating if a project lies within the area of city impact that file gets sent to the city of impact for review and comment. He stated that the hope is to form a subcommittee of the Planning & Zoning Commission made up of local area residents of Blanchard and the staff of the planning department to meet on a monthly basis to form this subarea plan for Blanchard. He stated if an individual is interested in participating on the subcommittee they would need to submit a letter of interest to the Planning and Zoning Commissioners and the commissioners would review each letter and appoint subcommittee members.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. by Director Ollerton. The next general meeting will be scheduled after the appointment of the subcommittee.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Welter, Office Manager

Approved by:



Planning Director, Milton Ollerton