The Planning and Zoning meeting on July 20, 2017 was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairman Chris Rawlings. Present for the meeting were: Planning and Zoning Members Andy Howe, Dave Gray, Brad Hanson, Glenda Poston, Wally Cossairt, Sue Larson, Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Ailport, and Office Clerk Christine McNair. No members of the public were present.

Glenda moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2017 as corrected. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chris opened the public hearing, at 5:32 pm, for file AN08-17, to consider an amendment to Title 12, Subdivision Chapter, to consider changes to the text to amend provisions within Chapter 1, Sections 5 and 8 concerning violations and remedies for land divisions. The City seeks to amend the language by removing the misdemeanor violations and replacing it with remedies and compliance measures.

Lisa gave her presentation. She said that currently the chapter states that the penalty for an illegal land division is a misdemeanor. She is proposing to remove the misdemeanor and add remedies and compliance. Staff will accept December 29, 2005 as an effective date for the subdivision compliance and April 27, 2017 as an effective date for zoning compliance. The reason for the change in the ordinance is, the current language prevents the City from issuing a building permit on any land illegally divided.

Dave moved to recommend approval of this file AM08-17, to enact changes to Title 12, Chapter 1 City of Bonners Ferry Code, Sections 5 and 8 concerning violations and remedies for land divisions, finding that it is in accordance with the general and specific goals and standards of the City of Bonners Ferry’s comprehensive plan, as enumerated in the findings and reasoned statements below and based upon testimony received at this hearing. Wally seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dave moved to adopt the following reasoned statement as written. The amendment is supported by the City of Bonners Ferry’s Comprehensive Plan. Wally seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was no public present during the public hearing.

Chris closed the public hearing at 5:42 pm.

The commercial setback standards and Title 11, Chapter 2 table amendments, were discussed. Lisa asked for feedback regarding the removal of sub note (a) which reads (in addition to the setbacks listed in the official heights and area regulations table, the front and corner lot setbacks must also be a minimum of 50 feet from the street centerline) is removed from the dimensional table, for the residential and medical zones. Glenda asked if this will apply to new growth. Lisa said it includes additions, remodels
and new construction. Lisa mentioned an incentive approach instead of using a fixed number of feet. She asked if the commissioners will be comfortable with her bringing an ordinance forward for the next meeting. The commissioners said that will be a good idea.

The community builders’ leadership institute workshop was discussed. David Sims would like to have at least one member of planning and zoning attend the workshop. Andy and Chris tentatively agreed to go to the workshop.

Lisa said the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) did a study last year, and is in favor of removing the traffic light at Alderson Lane. The City has requested ITD to do another study and compare the two. Glenda said that the City and ITD are not seeking input from the community and it has not been advertised properly. People don’t know that the study is happening, they just think the light isn’t working.

The walk audit assessment and activity connection plan was discussed. Lisa said this was done in June. One of the ideas is to add a bike/pedestrian lane on Stephens Street.

The parking standard was discussed. Lisa said that we are working in the right direction to reduce the number of backing movements.

Brad asked if Auto Zone is in the Urban Renewal District. Lisa said, she does think they are, but she will find out.

The next meeting will be August 24, 2017.

Dave moved to adjourn. Sue seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chris Rawlings, Chairman

Attest: __________________________
Christine McNair, City Office Clerk