PUBLIC HEARING
WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
March 3, 2014 7:30 p.m. (local time)

MINUTES

Attendance: See sign-in sheet

The Public Hearing for the Washington County Plan Commission was called to order.

The floor was then opened to members of the public to speak. They did so in the following order stating their concerns and questions as follows:

Max Greene asked for clarification of an apparent conflict between the definition of "variance" (page 8) which states that "no use variance shall be granted" and §701.2.4 (page 12) which states that a variance from the development standards listed in §601.2.1 may be granted under certain conditions. Attorney Scifres explained that there are two types of variances, a use variance and a developmental standard variance.

Attorney Scifres pointed out that Mr. Souder put together a revised map that he did to scale according to the section outline. He explained the revision was superimposed on the map and is attached to the document. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Souder for his efforts in making this revision.

There was no further public comment at that time.

Danielle Walker raised the issue of an intra-document conflict in §701.2.4 to Attorney Scifres. Attorney Scifres explained that when the document was revised to reinsert the section on the point systems there was an internal reference to §601.2.1 which should be §701.2.1 and needs to be changed. There is no §601.2.1. President David Hoar directed all that have a copy of the ordinance to make that correction.

Adam Dufour pointed out an error in the definition of "tilled" on page 8. The definition states that "tilled" is land used for row crop production in in three (3) of the preceding **six (5)** years. David Hoar stated this should be "five (5) years" and corrections should be made accordingly. Adam Dufour then called attention to the last paragraph on page 6 of which he states seems to be an incomplete sentence. Attorney Scifres determined that this paragraph must have been inadvertently moved during the revision of the document and should not be included with the definition of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO), but should come at the end of the

definition of Animal Feeding Operation (AFO). David Hoar added that while there were typographic errors in the document they did not affect the integrity of the document.

David Hoar asked Ronald King, residing at 111 Virginia Avenue, Salem, IN, who arrived late to the meeting, if he would like the opportunity to address the Plan Commission regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. King stated that his concern is to be servant and that the Bible says "the earth is the Lord's". He believes that there is no "private" or "collective" property; God is the owner and we, as individuals, families, and government are merely stewards. He further states that comprehensive zoning and planning started in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development regarding sustainable development. Mr. King asserts that the purpose of this program is to destroy Christianity and our American way of life. He concluded his remarks with the question: "where is our freedom and where is our liberty?"

There being no further public comment Adam Dufour made the motion to close the public hearing and to re-open the Plan Commission meeting with Jim Day seconding. The motion was passed 8-0 and the public hearing was adjourned.

Phillip Marshall made the motion to reconvene the Plan Commission meeting with Jim Day seconding. The motion passed 8-0.

David Hoar

Danielle Walker

Scott Maudlin

Jerry McClellan

Phillip Marshall

Adam Dufour

Jim Day

Jeff Souder

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COMMISSION ATTORNEY

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Washington County Plan Commission

Certification

To the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Indiana.

Please be advised that, at a Public Hearing and scheduled meeting of the Washington County Plan Commission on March 3, 2014, which hearing was properly published in accordance with Ind. Code §34-7-4-507, by a vote of 7 to 0, with 1 abstentions, the Washington County Plan Commission approved and adopted the attached version of its proposed Washington County Zoning Ordinance, and hereby officially certifies said Ordinance to you, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Indiana as the legislative body of the County, favorably recommending the Ordinance to you for adoption, in accordance with Ind. Code §34-7-4-605.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2014.

Signed,

WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

David Hoar, President