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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Times listed in parentheses are only estimates.

Call to Order and Roll Call

City Council, Mayor

Discussion: Citywide updates, concerns, questions, reports (20)

Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

Acceptance or Receipt of Minutes (5)

Action: Receive recommendation(s) from the February 3, 2026, meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to the Local Land Use Planning Act (LLUPA)

Police

Discussion: Homeland Security & Immigration (60)

Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

Public Works

Discussion: Woodruff Ave & N 15th E Roadway Development (20)

Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

Airport

Discussion: Car Rental Agreements (20)

Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

Discussion: Idaho Falls Regional Airport Board of Directors (15)

Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

City Attorney, CDS

Review: Reasoned Statement for Denial of Application for Willows Place Townhomes PUD (45)

Action: Review and revise as needed, provide direction to staff (or take other appropriate action)

Mayor

Report: Announcements, Events, Calendaring, Proclamations, Notes and/or Minutes from Boards and Commissions (10)

Executive Session

Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f), to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

Council will not reconvene after Executive Session.

Dated the 5th day of February 2026



Emily Geisler, City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Wade Sanner, Community Development Services Director

DATE: February 4, 2026

RE: February 3, 2026, Planning Commission Action

Planning Commission took the following action during the February 3, 2026, meeting.

1. **ANX25-005: ANNEXATION and INITIAL ZONING of R1, Single Dwelling Residential for approximately 32.450 acres for the E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 38 East.** Located north of E 65th South, east of the German Canal, south of La Paloma Drive, and west of S Holmes Avenue. On February 3, 2026, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the annexation and initial zoning of R1 to the Mayor and City Council as presented.
2. **ANX26-001: ANNEXATION and INITIAL ZONING of R1, Single Dwelling Residential for approximately 2.714 acres for the SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 37 East.** Located north of W Sunnyside Road, south of Woodland Lane, and west of S Bellin Road, also known as 2636 S Bellin Road. On February 3, 2026, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the annexation and initial zoning of R1 with the Controlled Development Airport Overlay Zone to the Mayor and City Council as presented.
3. **PLT25-033: PRELIMINARY PLAT for Alpine Ridge. E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 38 East.** Located north of E Anderson Street, east of N Boulevard, south of Stanley Street, and west of N Holmes Avenue. On February 3, 2026, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat for Alpine Ridge to the Mayor and City Council as presented.
4. **PLT25-034: PRELIMINARY PLAT for Arbor Estates. E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 38 East.** Located north of E 65th South, east of the German Canal, south of La Paloma Drive, and west of S Holmes Avenue. On February 3, 2026, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat for Arbor Estates to the Mayor and City Council as presented.

5. **VAR26-001: VARIANCE to reduce the minimum 50-foot lot frontage onto a public street to zero for approximately 13.674 acres in the SW ¼ of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 38 East.** Located north of W Anderson Street, east of US Highway 20, south of Science Center Drive, and west of N Boulevard. On February 3, 2026, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the variance to the Mayor and City Council with a vote of 4 to 3.
6. **PLT24-059: FINAL PLAT EXTENSION for a Portion of the SW ¼ of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 37 East.** Located north of Broadway, east of N 35th West, south of Stella Drive, and west of Ernest Drive. On February 3, 2026, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the final plat extension to the Mayor and City Council as presented.
7. **PLT25-035: FINAL PLAT for Lot 14, Block 2 of Hodson Addition, First Amended.** Located north of Lincoln Road, east of Woodruff Circle, south of N Yellowstone Highway, and west of N Woodruff Avenue. On February 3, 2026, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the final plat to the Mayor and City Council as presented.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION: To receive recommendation(s) from the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to the Local Land Use Planning Act (LLUPA).

Immigration Violations

414.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Best Practice

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to members of the Idaho Falls Police Department relating to immigration and interacting with federal immigration officials.

414.2 POLICY

Federal

It is the policy of the Idaho Falls Police Department that all members make personal and professional commitments to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public. Confidence in this commitment will increase the effectiveness of this department in protecting and serving the entire community and recognizing the dignity of all persons, regardless of their national origin or immigration status.

414.3 VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

Best Practice

To encourage crime reporting and cooperation in the investigation of criminal activity, all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting or being addressed by members of law enforcement will not automatically lead to immigration inquiry and/or deportation. While it may be necessary to determine the identity of a victim or witness, members shall treat all individuals equally and not in any way that would violate the United States or Idaho constitutions.

414.4 DETENTIONS

Federal

An officer should not detain any individual, for any length of time, for a civil violation of federal immigration laws or a related civil warrant.

An officer who has a reasonable suspicion that an individual already lawfully contacted or detained has committed a criminal violation of federal immigration law may detain the person for a reasonable period of time in order to contact federal immigration officials to verify whether an immigration violation is a federal civil violation or a criminal violation. If the violation is a criminal violation, the officer may continue to detain the person for a reasonable period of time if requested by federal immigration officials (8 USC § 1357(g)(10)). No individual who is otherwise ready to be released should continue to be detained only because questions about the individual's status are unresolved.

If the officer has facts that establish probable cause to believe that a person already lawfully detained has committed a criminal immigration offense, he/she may continue the detention and may request a federal immigration official to respond to the location to take custody of the detained person (8 USC § 1357(g)(10)).

Idaho Falls Police Department

Policies

Immigration Violations

An officer is encouraged to forgo detentions made solely on the basis of a misdemeanor offense when time limitations, availability of personnel, issues of officer safety, communication capabilities, or the potential to obstruct a separate investigation outweigh the need for the detention.

An officer should notify a supervisor as soon as practicable whenever an individual is being detained for a criminal immigration violation.

414.4.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Best Practice **MODIFIED**

When notified that an officer has detained an individual and established probable cause to believe the person has violated a criminal immigration offense, the supervisor should determine whether it is appropriate to:

- (a) Transfer the person to federal authorities.
- (b) Lawfully arrest the person for a criminal offense or pursuant to a judicial warrant (see the Law Enforcement Authority Policy).

414.5 ARREST NOTIFICATION TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Federal

Generally, an officer should not notify federal immigration officials when booking arrestees at a jail facility. Any required notification will be handled according to jail operation procedures. No individual who is otherwise ready to be released should continue to be detained solely for the purpose of notification.

414.6 FEDERAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Federal

Requests by federal immigration officials for assistance from this Department should be directed to a supervisor. The Department may provide available support services, such as traffic control or peacekeeping efforts.

414.7 INFORMATION SHARING

Federal

No member of this department will prohibit, or in any way restrict, any other member from doing any of the following regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual (8 USC § 1373):

- (a) Sending information to, or requesting or receiving such information from federal immigration officials
- (b) Maintaining such information in department records
- (c) Exchanging such information with any other federal, state, or local government entity

414.7.1 IMMIGRATION DETAINERS

Federal

Idaho Falls Police Department

Policies

Immigration Violations

No individual should be held based solely on a federal immigration detainer under 8 CFR 287.7 unless the person has been charged with a federal crime or the detainer is accompanied by a warrant, affidavit of probable cause, or removal order. If held, the individual shall be informed of the existence of the document authorizing detention (Idaho Code 18-9005). Notification to the federal authority issuing the detainer should be made prior to the individual's release.

414.8 U VISA AND T VISA NONIMMIGRANT STATUS

Federal

Under certain circumstances, federal law allows temporary immigration benefits, known as a U visa, to victims and witnesses of certain qualifying crimes (8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(U)).

Similar immigration protection, known as a T visa, is available for certain qualifying victims of human trafficking (8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(T)).

Any request for assistance in applying for U visa or T visa status should be forwarded in a timely manner to the Investigations and Special Operations Bureau supervisor assigned to oversee the handling of any related case. The Investigations and Special Operations Bureau supervisor should:

- (a) Consult with the assigned investigator to determine the current status of any related case and whether further documentation is warranted.
- (b) Contact the appropriate prosecutor assigned to the case, if applicable, to ensure the certification or declaration has not already been completed and whether a certification or declaration is warranted.
- (c) Address the request and complete the certification or declaration, if appropriate, in a timely manner.
 - 1. The instructions for completing certification and declaration forms can be found on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) website.
- (d) Ensure that any decision to complete, or not complete, a certification or declaration form is documented in the case file and forwarded to the appropriate prosecutor. Include a copy of any completed form in the case file.

414.9 TRAINING

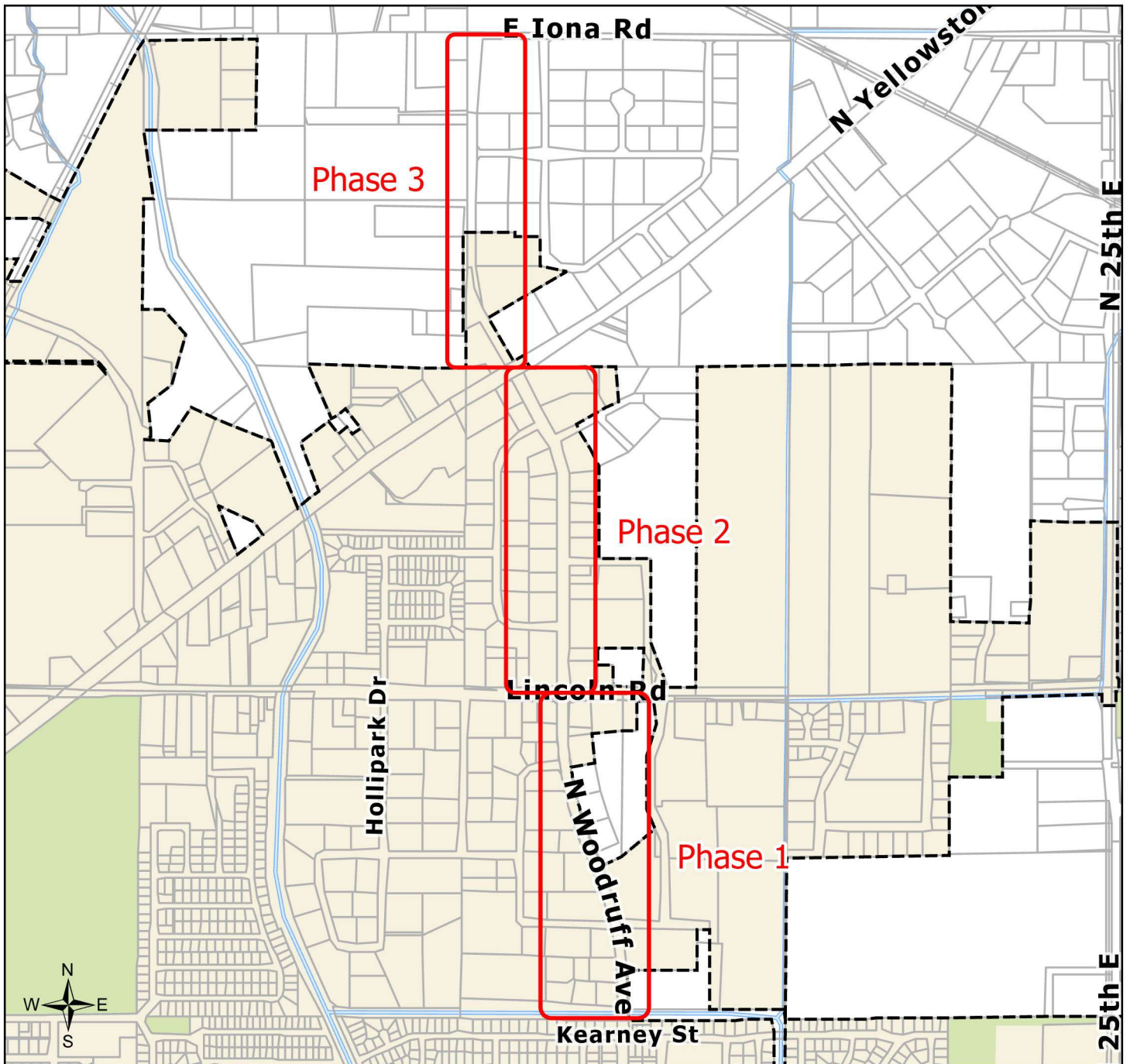
Best Practice MODIFIED

The Training Lieutenant should ensure officers receive training on this policy.

Training should include:

- (a) Identifying civil versus criminal immigration violations.
- (b) Factors that may be considered in determining whether a criminal immigration offense has been committed.

VICINITY MAP



Scale: 1:20,000

N WOODRUFF AVE PHASED CONSTRUCTION

MEPPEN CANAL BRIDGE TO E IONA RD

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS

BONNEVILLE COUNTY

REASONED STATEMENT OF RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR WILLOWS PLACE TOWNHOMES, GENERALLY NORTH OF HIGHLAND CANAL, EAST OF BLUE BIRD LANE, SOUTH OF PLOMMON STREET, WEST OF SOUTH BELLIN ROAD.

WHEREAS, Bear Hunter Holdings, LLC, (“Applicant”) filed an application for a planned unit development (“PUD”) on August 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this matter came before the Idaho Falls Planning and Zoning Commission during a duly noticed public hearing on October 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this matter came before the Idaho Falls City Council during a duly noticed public hearing on January 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the application, including all exhibits entered and having considered the issues presented:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Idaho Falls City Council (“Council”) makes the following factual findings:

1. On August 25, 2025, a neighborhood meeting took place as required by City Code 11-6-8.
2. The proposed PUD consists of fourteen units that the Applicant intends to have platted on individual lots. All of these units are proposed to be single-family attached dwellings, more commonly known as townhomes, with five separate groupings of two or three units attached to each other.
3. The property is approximately 1.815 acres located generally north of the Highland Canal, east of Blue Bird Lane, south of Plommon Street, west of S Bellin Road.
4. The property is within the neighborhood bounded by Pancheri Drive to the north, Bellin Road to the East, 17th South to the south, and an agricultural field just to the west of Lowell Drive (the “Neighborhood”). The Neighborhood does not contain any single-family attached residences or townhomes but, instead, consists of single-family detached residences. Although there are single-family attached residences and townhomes to the north and east of the Neighborhood, there are none within the Neighborhood. Within the Neighborhood, each residence is separated from neighboring residences by various distances.
5. The property consists of a vacant field with no residential structures.
6. The property is currently zoned R1.
7. The Applicant is proposing approximately seven units per acre.
8. At least twenty-five percent of the proposed PUD is designated by Applicant to be maintained as common space for the recreational and/or common use of the occupants of the development.
9. The Applicant has proposed two amenities, a playground and basketball court, for this proposed PUD. These amenities are located at the southeast part of the proposed PUD. For

the public to access these amenities from Plommon Street, which is the only street from which access would be had, the public would have to travel over two hundred feet to reach either amenity. This distance would, as a practical matter, discourage the public from using the amenities, even if the Applicant made them available to the public.

10. The Applicant has proposed constructing a private street, named Zoey Lane, to access the units from the public street, Plommon St.
11. Each unit in the proposed PUD has two parking stalls, provided by a garage and one parking pad. On the west side of the proposed private street, Zoey Lane, these parking stalls constitute on average more than half of the linear distance of the total street length for Lots 1 through 14 as shown on the proposed PUD. In addition, the southern length of the proposed Zoey Lane on the east side is almost entirely composed of parking spaces, with a gap between the block parking spaces for a basketball court. If built, these parking spaces would likely be filled with parked vehicles.
12. The proposed PUD provides guest parking in addition to the required parking.
13. The Applicant has requested the front setback to be varied from twenty-five feet to twenty feet.
14. On October 7, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended to The Mayor and Council approval of the application for a PUD as presented by a vote of 5 to 1.
15. On January 3, 2026, notice was published in Post Register regarding the public hearing on January 22, 2026, to consider the application for a PUD.
16. On January 22, 2026, Council held a public hearing on the application for a PUD. At the public hearing, the Applicant represented that it was willing to make the two amenities available to the public.
17. After the public hearing, Council voted to deny the application for a PUD by a vote of 5 to 0 and directed City Staff to prepare this Reasoned Statement.

II. RELEVANT CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

1. The Council considered the Applicant's request pursuant to City of Idaho Falls Comprehensive Plan, City of Idaho Falls Zoning Ordinance, City of Idaho Falls Subdivision Ordinance, the Local Land Use Planning Act, and other applicable development regulations.
2. The notices referenced in Finding of Fact 15 that were published on January 3, 2026, satisfied the notice requirements of Title 67, Chapter 65 of Idaho Code.
3. Council denies the proposed PUD for the reasons discussed below.

A. The Proposed PUD is under Two Acres

4. Council denies the proposed PUD because the site size is under two acres and Council, in its discretion, has decided not to grant the exception to this rule. This is the first, independent basis for the Council's decision to deny the proposed PUD.
5. The City Code provides that "the minimum site size for a PUD shall be two (2) acres." City Code 11-2-6(W)(4)(a). This requirement, considered by itself, sets a requirement that a PUD shall not be less than two acres. But, as with many requirements, there is an exception—"[s]maller acreage *may* be considered for a PUD on land that the Council finds is redeveloping,

or provides a public benefit or amenity.” City Code 11-2-6(W)(4)(a) (emphasis added). The rules of interpretation that apply to statutes also apply to interpreting municipal ordinances. *See Neighbors for a Healthy Gold Fork v. Valley Cnty.*, 145 Idaho 121, 131, 176 P.3d 126, 136 (2007) (citing *Friends of Farm to Mkt. v. Valley Cnty.*, 137 Idaho 192, 197, 46 P.3d 9, 14 (2002)). As held by the Idaho Supreme Court, “the word ‘may’ is permissive rather than the imperative or mandatory meaning of ‘must’ or ‘shall.’” *S. Valley Ground Water Dist. v. Idaho Dep’t of Water Res.*, 173 Idaho 762, 784, 548 P.3d 734, 756 (2024) (quoting *Rife v. Long*, 127 Idaho 841, 848, 908 P.2d 143, 150 (1995)). When a decision is permissive, the decision comes within the discretion of the deciding body. *See Edwards v. Lane*, ___ Idaho ___, ___, 578 P.3d 525, 529 (2025) (citing *State v. Mosqueda*, 150 Idaho 830, 835, 252 P.3d 563, 568 (Ct. App. 2010)). Therefore, the use of the word “may” in this subsection gives Council discretion to deny an application for a PUD—even if the land is redeveloping or provides a public benefit or amenity—for the sole reason that the area of the proposed PUD is smaller than two acres.

6. Here, the acreage for the proposed PUD is approximately 1.815 acres. Finding of Fact 3. In the exercise of its discretion, Council denies the proposed PUD because the area of the proposed PUD is under two acres.
7. In addition, Council, in its discretion, does not find that the PUD site is redeveloping for purposes of City Code 11-2-6(W)(4)(a).
8. Council, in its discretion, also does not find that the proposed PUD provides a sufficient benefit or amenity to the public to be considered a public benefit or amenity under 11-2-6(W)(4)(a). As noted in Finding of Fact 9, the public would have to travel over 200 feet to reach either amenity. This distance, as a practical matter, would discourage the public from using the amenities. *Id.* Thus, even though the Applicant offered to make the amenities available to the public, Finding of Fact 16, Council finds that the amenities are not sufficiently accessible to the public to be considered public benefits or amenities.
9. Given that the area of the proposed PUD is under two acres, and that Council does not find that the proposed PUD site is redeveloping or offers a public benefit or amenity, the application for a PUD is denied. Notably, Council finds that this reason, alone, is sufficient to deny the application for a PUD, given the mandatory rule that “the minimum site size for a PUD *shall* be two (2) acres,” City Code 11-2-6(W)(4)(a) (emphasis added), and Council has exercised its discretion to not allow the exception to this rule.

B. The Proposed PUD is Not Compatible with the Surrounding Neighborhood

10. A second, independent reason that Council denies the proposed PUD is because the proposed PUD is not compatible with the surrounding Neighborhood.
11. One mandatory requirement is that “[a] PUD shall be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood bulk, scale, structural mass, and character demonstrated by similar building types, construction, separations, and heights.” City Code 11-2-6(W)(5)(a).
12. Here, the relevant neighborhood is the Neighborhood with the boundaries as set forth in Finding of Fact 4 because the Neighborhood surrounds the proposed PUD site. The Neighborhood has separations between each of the residences, which are single-family detached residences. Finding of Fact 4. The proposed PUD, however, has groupings of two or three units that are attached to each other, meaning there is no separation between these

grouped units. Finding of Fact 2. As such, the proposed PUD's separations (or, rather, non-separations) is not consistent with the separations found throughout the Neighborhood.

13. In addition, the structure of the units in the proposed PUD are what are commonly referred to as townhomes, Finding of Fact 2, but there are no townhomes within the Neighborhood, Finding of Fact 4. Consequently, the units contained in the proposed PUD does not match the character of the Neighborhood.
14. Because of the material differences in separations and character, the proposed PUD is not compatible with the surrounding Neighborhood. Again, because City Code 11-2-6(W)(5)(a) requires that a PUD "*shall* be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood," a failure on this score is fatal to the application. This is the second, independent reason that Council denies the proposed PUD.

C. The Planned Streetscape Would be Dominated by Parked Vehicles and Garage Entrances

15. An additional reason for denying the proposed PUD is because the planned streetscape would be dominated by parked vehicles and garage entrances.
16. One of the purposes of the PUD regulations is to "[p]rovide for attractive streetscapes that are not dominated by parked vehicles or garage entrances." City Code 11-2-6(W)(1)(k).
17. As found in Finding of Fact 11, more than half of the length of the proposed Zoey Lane on the west side would be dedicated to parking stalls and garages. In addition, the east side of the proposed Zoey Lane's southern end is almost entirely composed of parking spaces. Finding of Fact 11. These parking spaces would most likely be filled with parked vehicles once the residential units are occupied. *Id.* Based on these findings, Council concludes that the streetscape of the proposed Zoey Lane would be dominated by parked vehicles and garage entrances if the proposed PUD were to be accepted. This is an additional reason for Council's decision to deny the proposed PUD.

D. Denial Based on a Combination of All the Above Reasons

18. Even if any of the independent bases for denial, standing alone, are not sufficient for denial, Council exercises its discretion to deny the proposed PUD based on a combination of all the foregoing reasons.

III. DECISION

Based on the above Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria, the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls denies the application for the PUD as presented.

PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

Lisa Burtenshaw – Mayor

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

The Applicant or any affected person seeking judicial review of the compliance of this Reasoned Statement with the provisions of Idaho Code § 67-6535 must first seek reconsideration of this Reasoned Statement within fourteen (14) days by filing a request to reconsider pursuant in compliance with Idaho Code 67-6535.

In addition, the above Applicant has the right to request a regulatory taking analysis pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-8003.

DRAFT



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, January 23, 1961, marks a significant moment in the history of broadcast journalism with the establishment of KIFI Local News 8 broadcasting in Eastern Idaho as an Idaho Falls hometown station; and
- WHEREAS, KIFI Local News 8, in 1962, was the first television station in Idaho to broadcast a live local sporting event, and in 1967, KIFI pioneered in color broadcasting as the first television station in Eastern Idaho to use color studio cameras; and
- WHEREAS, KIFI was the first Eastern Idaho television station to broadcast in stereo sound; and
- WHEREAS, KIFI has played a vital role in documenting local history for Idaho Falls and all Eastern Idahoans by covering events of regional and national importance, providing critical information during times of celebration, challenge, and emergency; and
- WHEREAS, KIFI has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to public service, community connection, and journalistic excellence serving as a training ground for generations of journalists covering our state, nation, and the world; and
- WHEREAS, KIFI Local News 8 maintains a commitment to excellence in broadcast journalism, upholding the principles of a free press in news, weather, and sports having brought the people of Eastern Idaho the many important local, national, and international stories from the past 65 years.

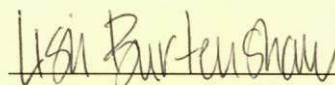
NOW THEREFORE, I, LISA BURTENSHAW, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2026, as

KIFI LOCAL NEWS 8 DAY

in the City of Idaho Falls commemorating KIFI's founding and I encourage all citizens to recognize their long history of impactful service and continued essential contributions informing generations past, present, and future across our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Idaho Falls to be affixed on this 20th day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-six.



Lisa Burtenshaw, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Idaho Falls celebrates its senior citizens as pioneers of science, civil rights, technology, medicine, and so much more; and
- WHEREAS,** our seniors have helped champion change and gained knowledge and skills and experience, which they've passed on to succeeding generations; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to remember that our senior citizens are the crown jewels of our community as their efforts in years past have paved the way for the many economic opportunities and social blessings found in this community today; and
- WHEREAS,** Valentine's Day 2026 is a perfect day to share appreciation and expressions of love and gratitude for senior citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the sixth annual campaign, created by Senior Solutions and JustServe, hopes to set a new record for the number of valentines for seniors created by our community; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2025, over 5,000 valentines were collected, and nearly 1,400 flowers, all were distributed to thousands of seniors in eastern Idaho; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Idaho Falls hopes all residents will again join in support of this program and express love and admiration of senior citizens by sending valentines to local senior citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LISA BURTENSHAW, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2026, as

WE LOVE SENIORS DAY

in Idaho Falls and welcome all citizens to join in bringing a little cheer to our beloved senior citizens this Valentine's Day.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Idaho Falls to be affixed on this 20th day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-six.

Lisa Burtenshaw, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights and dignity, affecting youth, and adults in communities across the United States, including here in Idaho – within the City of Idaho Falls, City of Ammon, and Bonneville County; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking involves the exploitation of individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of labor or commercial sex, and according to the U. S. Department of Justice, is recognized as one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Falls, Ammon, and Bonneville County stand committed to raising awareness, strengthening prevention efforts, supporting survivors, and working collaboratively with local partners, law enforcement agencies, service providers, faith communities, health professionals, schools, and nonprofits to eliminate human trafficking in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, survivors of human trafficking demonstrate extraordinary resilience, courage, and strength, and they deserve comprehensive support, trauma-informed services, and pathways to healing, recovery, safety, and long-term stability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, City of Ammon, and Bonneville County recognize the importance of education, early identification of warning signs, community engagement, and public awareness as critical tools in preventing exploitation and protecting vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, the United States observes January as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month and January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, joining communities nationwide in renewing our commitment to combating trafficking and defending the freedom of all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, City of Ammon, and Bonneville County affirm their dedication to supporting survivors, promoting prevention, and fostering community-wide collaboration to ensure our communities remain places where every person is valued, protected, and free from exploitation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LISA BURTENSHAW, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2026, as

AND,

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRIAN POWELL, MAYOR of the City of Ammon, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2026, as

AND,

NOW THEREFORE, WE, KARL CASPERSON, MICHELLE MALLARD, AND JON WALKER, COMMISSIONERS of Bonneville County, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2026, as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

in Bonneville County, in the City of Ammon, and in the City of Idaho Falls, and encourage all residents, organizations, and community partners to join in efforts to increase awareness, prevent exploitation, and support survivors throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seals
of Bonneville County, the City of Idaho Falls, and
City of Ammon, to be hereunto affixed, this 20th day of


Karl Casperson, Commissioner
Bonneville County



WAR BONNET ROUND UP RODEO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Recreation Center

11:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: K. Jones, K. Staten, B. Robertson, S. Woolstenhulme, B. Skinner, T. Fannesbeck, H. Pettingill, J. Stephens, J. Moad

Members not in Attendance: P. Holm, R. Buchan, K. Felker, C. Price

Call to Order

K. Jones called the meeting to order at 11:08

Approval of Minutes

B. Skinner motioned to approve the August 14th minutes. S. Woolstenhulme seconded. All in favor.

Director Updates – P. Holm (absent)

Chair Report/Production – K. Jones

K. Jones reported on the following:

- The Kiesner duo has been confirmed as the 2026 specialty act.
- Matt Tarr has been confirmed as the War Bonnet barrelman for 2026.
- K. Jones would like to have a future discussion regarding the photographer for next year's rodeo.
- Xtreme Bulls act for 2026. K. Jones handed out a spreadsheet showing a rough estimate of costs and revenue for an Xtreme bull act for Wednesday night's show. There was committee discussion on holding the free "kick off" events outside the gates, while charging for the bull riding event on the inside. Pros and cons were discussed as well as how to handle the mutton bustin qualifier and mini bull riding. K. Jones suggested that we could try the event for the 115th War Bonnet anniversary and if successful, hold it the

following year. K. Jones also suggests raising the purse amounts to \$9,500 for our 115th event. B. Robertson motioned to vote on recommending the Xtreme bull event to the Parks and Recreation Director. B. Skinner seconded. A vote followed. The vote was five to one in favor of recommending this event for 2026.

Committee Reports

Tribal Relations – S. Woolstenhulme

S. Woolstenhulme reported on the following:

- S. Woolstenhulme is hoping to be able to meet with the tribal council this fall to keep the channels of communication open. She will speak with P. Holm on scheduling a meeting.
- She would also like to discuss at a future War Bonnet meeting the possibility of bringing back tribal riders for next year's rodeo. She plans to talk to some of her tribal contacts about other types of tribal events that could be showcased in addition to or instead of tribal riders.

Military Affairs/American Legion – B. Skinner

No Updates

Vice Chair/Hospitality/Sponsorship – K. Staten

K. Staten reported on the following:

- She's been keeping in contact with some of the larger rodeo sponsors, getting them rodeo photos and stats, and she is also working on getting all the sponsor gifts.

Marketing/Advertising/Tickets – R. Buchan (absent)

Facilities & Grounds & Security – J. Stephens

J. Stephens & J. Moad reported on the following:

- The new restroom/shower will be ready for our next rodeo.
- J. Moad will be modifying some of the roping stock pens.

Communications/Public Information – K. Felker (absent)

Livestock Welfare – B. Robertson

No updates

Finance – C. Price (absent)

Outreach – T. Fannesbeck

T. Fannesbeck reported on the following:

- He is working on a War Bonnet contact list with names/responsibilities and contact info. He will bring it to the January meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:14pm.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, January 22.