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Post Falls Community Development Department is bringing the proposed SmartCode to a public hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2009 in the Post Falls City Hall at 408 Spokane Street. There will be maps, displays, and information along with staff to answer questions in the Rotunda at 5pm prior to the hearing.

More than two years have passed since the citizens of Post Falls first participated in a community workshop (design Charrette) that was held at Templins in October of 2006. At the Charrette, community values and vision were clarified and design elements that help shape the community were explored. In February, following the Charrette, the consultant, PlaceMakers, delivered a complete report of the proceedings. The Consultant also delivered the draft customized SmartCode and Community Development has completed additional modifications and has had workshops with the Planning & Zoning Commission to further refine the draft and prepare applications and procedures.

The SmartCode is a land development code that focuses on overall urban design of the community rather than just land use. The goal of the SmartCode, expressing the desires of the community, is to promote the design elements that build neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for residents. Design elements include the streetscape, sidewalks, landscaping, & building location and placement. The SmartCode includes provisions for mixed use and the location of services within neighborhoods that will

enhance livability, and for new development will provide open space, playgrounds and areas for civic uses.

The SmartCode is proposed to serve as an additional code to work alongside of and in conjunction with the existing municipal code. It is being proposed as the mandatory regulation for lands annexing into the city and perhaps the city center as an option. At the same time it would function as a parallel code for lands within the city. This means that citizens would have a choice of using the SmartCode or the existing Zoning Code when developing property, provided threshold criteria is met.

Please visit the Post Falls Website at www.postfallsidaho.org to view and download the SmartCode and other supporting documents. For additional information contact the Post Falls Planning Division at (208)773-8708.

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