



Neighbors Shaping Ammon's Future (NSAF) Newsletter

STOP WRONGFUL REZONING AND ENCOURAGE SMART GROWTH WITH COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING

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Our community is unhealthy and you see it every day in many ways. The roads are dangerously congested. There are problems with water and sewer resources. We pay one of the highest school levies in the state. Our problem is rapid-haphazard growth. I believe that the City of Ammon leadership goals are too narrow and because of this our community is not being protected. Please don't get me wrong, I am not anti-growth. I am for PLANNED-SMART growth.

Idaho has very few laws on city growth. They suggest studies for items like traffic, water, sewer, crime and pollution. Advise to cooperate with the school system and represent their needs. They require city ordinances, and a master (comprehensive) plan. However, those items are easy ignored, too vague to help, and/or changed whenever leadership's desires. I have witnessed it.ⁱ

The city's leadership has created ordinances that give them "sole and absolute discretionary right[s]."ⁱⁱ C.J. Redwine once said; "Power is neither good nor evil. It just is. It's what people do with power that matters." If we do not band together, using our talents, skills and voting rights, the City of Ammon that I love - YOU LOVE, will be gone in a few short years or sooner. The damage will be permanent. Sadly, I believe the members of the community have no influence on leadership. I am hoping the community can organize, find a voice and make a difference. What we are doing now is not working

We testify in meetings: In city meetings I have attended the members (both the planning/zoning and the council members) don't seem like they are even listening. They are just waiting for you to finish and sometimes they don't even make eye contact with you.

We write letters and present lists with supporters' names on them: I have looked through years of the meeting minutes and see vote after vote favoring the developer. Our input seems to be mostly ignored.

So how can we make change- how can we have a voice? I have some ideas but I need help. And don't worry it is not holding up signs and protesting.

It may be a long process, but we need our leadership to see the community's needs, listen to our options, and protect our community. I cannot do this alone. I need help. I am not asking for money. I am asking for your time and effort. Here are some needs I have: (1) reading Idaho code/City of Ammon code, interpret it and write about it. (2) Help write letters, emails and content for the website. (3) Distribute flyers to neighborhoods. (4) Attend city meeting and report what you have heard. (5) Become a member

Attending Ammon's Planning and zoning meeting are a SNAP.

Join them through zoom. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2086124000?pwd=d1NFL1QvM0NP RmV3VTRsYmNrbitUz09#success> or call in at 1-669-900-6833

The meeting ID: 208 612 4000 and Passcode: 26666

of a group that becomes informed and brainstorms ideas. (6) Help write ordinances (7) Donate paper, ink and stamps. (8) Call your neighbors and ask them to participate. There are different levels of commitment and different tasks, your involvement can even be anonymous- just please help.

Email your contact information to coordinator@ammonlife.com if you can help. I will contact you personally. I will not give your information to anyone without your approval. If you can't directly help, then help by making copies of this information and give it to family, friends and neighbors. More information can be found at www.ammonlife.com. Look under the tab labeled: **agenda**, then **how to help** or search for <https://ammonlife.com/how-to-help%3F>

Respectfully

Stephanie, Coordinator of Neighbors Shaping Ammon's Future

ⁱ In May of 2020, 50 citizens tried to have a rezoning denied; we gave example after example of how the rezoning was violating the city ordinances. At first they approved the rezoning even with a lawyer involved. Since I was directly impacted, I asked for a reversal based on city employee's mistakes. The city reversed its decision and denied the rezoning. The city then voted in a new ordinance that changed the requirements. The rezoning was then approved again - about three months later. Reference City of Ammons's Planning and zoning commission meeting May 6, 2020 Rocking R. Annexation

ⁱⁱ To read the ordinance Google-> City of Ammon's website, select tab: Department->administration-> City code and fees. Use link: Title 11 Chapter 1 Annexation procedures. Read: 11-1-11 Council Review or search on the internet for the following: <http://laserfiche.ci.ammon.id.us/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=102040&dbid=0&repo=Ammon>

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