

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 16, 2016

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Lucas Huck, Engineer; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; and approximately 20 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING SPEED LIMIT - NELSON SIDING ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.08.020 - Setting the Speed Limit for Nelson Siding Road at 35 MPH.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR indicated there were numerous residents along Nelson Siding Road who had requested the speed limit be lowered to 35 MPH. The Public Works Department recently obtained additional traffic data over the weekend during the last week of July. In their review they looked at traffic speeds, volumes, access densities, increased development in the area and traffic bypassing I-90. He noted the maximum recorded weekend speeds were 78.1 MPH at the I-90 end and 90 MPH at the Westside Road end. Mr. Cook indicated that at the conclusion of their study they were recommending a 35 mile per hour speed limit to improve safety in the location from Milepost 0.0 at Westside Road to Mile Post 4.37 at Interstate 90. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** noted that if the speed limit were reduced to 35 MPH it would make it eligible for ATV use.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: KIM LOHNES explained how property values were being affected and there are neighbors who are moving out of the area due to the excessive speed limit. She indicated people are aware of the short cut to bypass I-90 when traffic is heavy which creates increased traffic. **JADEN LOHNES** said there are times when he is at his bus stop and there are cars going faster than the speed limit and it can be scary for him. **LINNEA MONTGOMERY** explained how traffic at midnight can be just as bad as during the daytime. She expressed concerns with the speed limit and amount of traffic in the area and urged the Commissioners to approve their request. She submitted a Petition signed by various citizens to lower the speed limit. **FRIEDA ELLISON** said she was the Business Manager for the Cle Elum/Roslyn School District and said the bus drivers are concerned with safety and have experienced people speeding by them even with their stop signs out. **THERESA ELLISON** expressed safety concerns within the area and said she will not allow her children to go out

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outside of applicable law for projects in Suncadia. He said he believed the Bond had been deposited today.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve the Miner's Camp Preliminary Plat (LP-16-00002), adopting Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and direct Staff to prepare enabling documents, amending Condition 7 strike "listed" and replace it with the word "applicable".

COMMISSIONER OSAIDACZ seconded.

COMMISSIONER OSAIDACZ said she was looking forward to what the project will look like in the future. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said they may want to look at amendments in the future to create better efficiency in the process and opportunities to streamline. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING PERMIT FEE - FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC WORKS

At 3:14 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting a \$50.00 fee for Streamlined Floodplain Development Permit review for Solar Panel deployments on roofs of existing structures previously granted a Floodplain Development Permit.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a draft Resolution which would adopt a \$50.00 Floodplain Development Permit Fee for solar panel installation on roofs of an existing structure previously permitted in the floodplain. He said they wanted to streamline the solar panel FDP process and the proposed new fee would be administered "over the counter" for most solar panel deployment proposals.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2016-107 PERMIT FEE - FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-107, Setting a \$50.00 Floodplain Development Permit Fee for Solar Panel Installations on Roofs of Existing Structures Previously Permitted in the Floodplain. **COMMISSIONER OSAIDACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

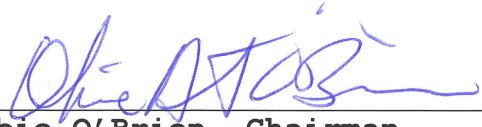
The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Obie O'Brien, Chairman