

**PUBLIC HEARING
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JANUARY 13, 2004

Board members in attendance: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice-Chairman Bruce Coe and Commissioner Max Golladay.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Derald Gaidos, Fire Marshall; Allison Kimball, Community Development Services Operation Supervisor, and approximately 50 members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING AMEND ROAD STANDARDS PUBLIC WORKS

At 4:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened a public hearing to consider revisions to the Kittitas County Code Title 12, Road Standards. He explained his perspective where the County was in the process. He indicated he was looking for a simplified document, tying to both density and standardization. He recognized the proposal that has been received from staff, and said it was not the same recommendation that was submitted by the Citizens Advisory committee. He explained a final document would be created through the public hearing process, and there had been no SEPA analysis conducted at this time. A SEPA review would need to be conducted upon the completion of a document and will be followed up by additional public hearings. **COMMISSIONER COE** concurred with Chairman Huston and thanked the Citizens Advisory committee, for their hard work and input. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** reiterated Commissioner Coe's comments.

PAUL BENNETT, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed his Staff Report dated January 13, 2004. He said following the Citizens Advisory committee's recommendations, the document had been forwarded to the Planning Commission, and after ten public hearings, the Kittitas County Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation to approve the proposed Road Standards (5-0 vote). He expressed concerns that the document that came out of the Planning Commission would be substantially changed during the Commissioners review, and that a document that went through a SEPA review and comment period may not be the same document that is enacted. He reviewed the major changes to the draft document. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** asked for a spokesman for the alternative document.

STEVE LATHROP representing Mr. Weis felt the document presented by Mr. Bennett, was much larger than was presented by the Citizens Advisory committee. The committee's recommendation was a more simplified and uniformed document. He said elements such as utilities are mentioned within other documents and does not need to be

included in the Road Standards. **ELLEN HOWE** speaking on behalf of thirteen members of the Citizens Advisory committee, said their proposal would benefit all citizens of Kittitas County. Their document was simple, predictable, easy to understand, short and easily referenced. She provided the Board with a copy of the committee's proposal. **WAYNE NELSON** a member of the committee, said they went through the process and removed all the inapplicable portions of the document, such as storm water, latecomers and utilities. They identified reasonable standards including, if a road was public versus private. He explained the standards included three categories: Driveway - High Density Private Roads – Low Density Roads. Their final document was less than half of the original size in the end. **COMMISSIONER COE** asked if there was a side-by-side comparison available. **MR. NELSON** said he created a spreadsheet, which addresses private roads, and said he would make it available to the Board for their information. He offered to create another one for public roads. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** explained he was hopeful that they could create a final document, which would reflect what is best for all citizens. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** felt it would be easier to see a document with the wording that had been deleted, lined-out and the new information highlighted. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** asked for public testimony.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: ROGER WEAVER expressed concerns he had with the process and how the final draft would be reviewed. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** said the Board would be reviewing the document in open sessions. Once they have a document that feels comfortable to them, it would need to go through SEPA, re-notice public hearings and then take public testimony. **COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY** said he would like a chance to fully understand both proposals and their intent. **URBAN EBERHART** Chairman of KRD read a letter into the record and said the Citizens Advisory committee worked hard to come up with their recommendations, and was disappointed to find that their draft document was not put forth to the Board of County Commissioners, as presented. They felt categories such as utilities etc. should be addressed within other documents and not in the Road Standards. **BRIAN LENZ** representing Puget Sound Energy, said PSE had participated in the review process and were concerned that few of the public comments were incorporated within proposed document. They recommended having issues relating to utilities etc. to be addressed in a separate manual, which is currently in draft form. **SCOTT LINDLEY** said he had followed the progress of the alternative document and spoke in favor of having a more simple and concise document. **DAVE CAPLE** questioned the development standards as drafted, specifically relating to subdivision. He expressed support for the Citizens Advisory committee report. **MARK KIRKPATRICK** said storm water issues in current Road Standards should be referred to in the Eastern Washington storm water manual, once it is adopted. He wanted it to be clear within the alternate document. **DESMOND KNUDSON** said he was pleased with the County taking the stand they are between the Citizens Advisory committee's recommendation and the Public Works department's proposal. **PAT DENEEN** explained that he was part of the review process and suggested

the Board go through the document, page by page and to not skip around sections, since it tends to be confusing. He said there are times when he needs to put sewers within the road right-of-way, and that type of criteria should be in a separate document. He also mentioned issues relating to irrigation and felt it needs to be allowed for in road right-of-ways. **SHAWN NORTHRUP** a member of the Citizens Advisory committee thanked everyone for their time and hard work creating the document. He felt all types of citizens were represented and involved in the process, which was a rewarding for everyone. He offered to submit in a red-lined document from the Citizens Advisory committee for the Boards review. He explained that with exception of storm water and utilities, some things were pulled out because they were already referred to within other documents. **PAUL BENNETT** read a letter into the record from Kim Brown and Ron DiTomaso. **BRAD HABERMAN** encouraged the Board to take into consideration the Citizens Advisory committee's recommendation. He did not agree with Public Works recommendation. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED. CHAIRMAN HUSTON RESERVED RIGHT TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT BACK UP FOR SUBSEQUENT HEARINGS.**

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY said he needed time to review the red line document once he has received it, and upon review, he would be able to develop questions, which could be addressed in a public session. **COMMISSIONER COE** agreed with Commissioner Golladays comments, and suggested meeting at least once a week. He did not want a lot of time to go by without reviewing the documents.

COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY moved to continue the public hearing to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday January 21, 2004, in the Commissioner's Auditorium, Room 109, to review the first three sections. **COMMISSIONER COE** seconded. It was noted the written record was to remain open, and the Board reserved the right to accept public testimony at that hearing. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** said it was not his intent to open it up to public comment at that evening. He said during subsequent hearings, the Board would be accepting public testimony. The public was reminded that once a draft document has been formed, it would go out for SEPA and public comment and public hearings. Motion carried 3-0.

PAUL BENNETT offered to have copies of the alternate document available at the Public Works office.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman

