



KITTITAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

July 2, 2007

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, David Bowen, Mark McClain, Darryl Piercy (CDS), Allison Kimball (CDS), Brandon Drexler (DPW), Kelly Carlson (DPW)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Kirkpatrick, Vernon Swesey, Catherine Dunn, Noah Goodrich.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

The BOCC had requested this item be put on our Monday Study Session agenda. Director Drexler stated that the Kittitas County Code does not address that each of the private citizens must represent all three districts. Commissioner Bowen stated that even though it doesn't state that we have tried to stick with a representative from each district. Commissioner McClain stated that he would like to see the language cleaned up to clarify the numerous unknowns in the process. Commissioner Bowen asked for clarification of the concept of the Variance, and Director Piercy stated that the variances are allowed for individual property owners for a single lot, which is different from seeking a variance from a plat condition. He also stated that if the variance is affecting multiple lots within a plat then a plat amendment would be necessary. Mark Kirkpatrick stated that if the plat is conditioned to meet the road standards then a variance is part of the process and should be able to be applied for at anytime. At this point the building permit is the trigger. Commissioner Crankovich stated that what it comes down to is that the developer/owner needs to do their homework before hand to determine what issues may come up.

Board Direction:

BOCC suggested that a pre-variance meeting with the Variance Committee be part of the process to determine if a variance will be needed before final plat.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Brandon Drexler
Public Works Director