

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

THURSDAY

4:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman David Bowen & Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Darryl Piercy, Community Development Services Director; Allison Kimball, Assistant CDS Director; Brandon Drexler, Public Works Director; Joanna Valencia, CDS Planner II; Kelly Carlson, Public Works Administrative Assistant; Linda Huber, Auditing Accountant; Debbie Myers, BOCC Office Assistant.

PUBLIC HEARING LAND WITHIN THE KITTTITAS CO AIRPORT PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened the continued public hearing from August 7, 2007 to consider leasing a portion of land laying in the East ½ of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 18 East, W.M. within the Kittitas County Airport, approximately 78.97 acres more or less.

Kelly Carlson, Airport Manager, stated the Ellensburg Trap & Skeet Club requested the hearing be continued in order to conduct more research on the lease terms. **Commissioner Bowen** asked if October 2nd would give them enough time? **Brandon Drexler**, Public Works Director, said yes, they should have the grant money by then. **Commissioner McClain** asked if the clean up was completed and just the two challenges left? **Mr. Drexler** said yes.

Commissioner Bowen moved to continue the hearing to September 18, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse. **Commissioner McClain** seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING DISPOSITION OF COUNTY ASSETS AUDITOR

Chairman Crankovich opened the public hearing to consider disposition of County assets by either sale, trade or destruction and the City/County surplus sale to be held at the Kittitas County Event Center on October 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Linda Huber, accountant with the Auditor's office provided a list of items declared surplus to the County's needs, and noted the last two pages are items that by statute are not available to the public, they can however, go to other agencies. **THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED**

Commissioner Bowen moved Resolution 2007-115 approving items to be surplus to the County's needs. **Commissioner McClain** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

VISTA VIEW ESTATES

CDS

Chairman Crankovich opened the public hearing to consider the Vista View Estates Plat Alteration Project (P-07-47), submitted by James T. Denison, authorized agent for the MDJ Development. The application proposes an amendment to eliminate lots 108-125, lots 138-146, and any future extension of Plumridge Avenue as shown and described as Future Division 4 on the final plat recorded October 24, 2006. The proposed amendment is for the location of the future Ellensburg LDS Church. The Vista Views Estates development is located North of Kittitas Highway, West of Magnolia Street, South of Hobert Avenue and Oak Street, and East of Plumridge Avenue, Ellensburg, Washington.

Joanna Valencia, Community Development Services Planner II, submitted two additional comments that had been received, one from Department of Public Works, one from Department of Ecology. She stated all comments received thus far have been submitted to the applicant. **Commissioner McClain** asked if it had been determined if a light was needed at the intersection. **Ms. Valencia** said they determined just a left turn lane was needed. There was discussion on the traffic and roads.

Jim Denison, representing MDJ Development, stated it was a matter of thought to have building lots on the street, but that the plans have changed. **Commissioner McClain** brought up issues with the traffic, especially on Sunday. Mr. **Denison** stated he was not involved in the Conditional Use Permit for the Church. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Vista View Estates plat alteration as presented and for staff to prepare enabling documents. **Commissioner McClain** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Crankovich moved to continue the hearing to September 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, 205 West 5th, Ellensburg, Washington to review enabling documents. **Commissioner McClain** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING EXAMINER

CDS

Chairman Crankovich opened the public hearing to consider modification to the Kittitas County Code Title 15A to provide for implementation of a Hearing Examiner System.

Darryl Piercy, Community Development Services Director gave reasons for the need of a Hearing Examiner in Kittitas County. **Commissioner Bowen** acknowledged the volume of work has increased for the volunteers on the Planning Commission. **Darryl Piercy** stated there is not adequate time for them to delve into some of the issues they bring before the Board.

There was discussion on the funding and the possibility of permit fees funding the position.

THOSE PRESENT AND TESTIFYING: **Jim Boyle**, Ronald, submitted a list of questions he would like answered before changing our system of reviewing land use decisions.

Jan Sharar, Ellensburg, also raised some concerns and submitted written comments to the Board.

Larry Fuller, Cle Elum, who is on the Planning Commission, was not sure if a Hearing Examiner would really help. He suggested polling the Planning Commission for their input.

Commissioner Bowen said he appreciated someone from the Planning Commission being here and asked Larry Fuller if there was anything the Board could provide for help or training? **Larry Fuller** said training or questions answered quickly would be great.

Chad Bala, Cle Elum, supported a Hearing Examiner. He thought with a legal background it would help the Planning Commission.

Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, supported having a Hearing Examiner and thought the position should be an attorney.

Charles Wedenbaugh, Ellensburg, wondered what the costs would be to the County. He also believed there needed to be more published information before making a decision.

Urban Eberhart, stated the Kittitas County Farm Bureau supports having a Hearing Examiner. He believes the application fee should fund the position. He also thought a hearing examiner would give the Planning Commission more time to review the County Comp Plan.

There was no additional testimony, but **Chairman Crankovich** stated they would leave public testimony open at this time. He indicated people that spoke today can still make written comments, but asked that they don't speak again so everyone would have a chance to speak.

There was discussion on what other counties have done, using an Examiner from outside the County, and the type of background an Examiner would need.

Darryl Piercy, CDS Director, will follow up on the job description.

Commissioner Bowen moved to continue the public hearing to consider modifications to the Kittitas County Code Title 15A to provide for implementation of a Hearing Examiner System to October 2nd, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, 205 West 5th, Ellensburg, WA, the record to remain open to written and oral testimony, and limited to those who spoke today can only submit written comments. Commissioner McClain seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14

CDS

Chairman Crankovich opened the public hearing to consider proposed revisions to the language in Kittitas County Code Chapter 14 to reflect consistency with the adopted 2006 International Codes.

Darryl Piercy, Community Services Director, gave an overview of County Code that needs to be changed to be compliant with the 2006 International Codes. There was discussion on the changes.

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

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the revisions and for staff to prepare enabling documents. **Commissioner McClain** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Crankovich moved to continue the Public Hearing to September 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, 205 West 5th, Ellensburg, Washington to review enabling documents.

Commissioner McClain seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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