

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

WEDNESDAY

1:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman David Bowen. Excused: Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Allison Kimball, Assistant Director of Community Development Services; Mike Elkins, CDS Staff Planner; Mackenzie Moynihan, CDS Staff Planner; Urban Eberhart, Applicant; Jeff Slothower, Attorney representing the applicant; and one member of the public.

APPEAL HEARING

BRANTA POINT SHORT PLAT APPEAL

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At approximately 1:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a hearing to consider an administrative appeal filed by Attorney Jeff Slothower who is appealing the administrative decision by the Kittitas County Community Development's decision to require the Branta Point Short Plat (SP-07-90) to be reviewed under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) in order to assess the cumulative environmental and infrastructure impacts of recent land development projects occurring on McDowell Road, Ellensburg, Washington. Chuck Cruse/Cruse & Associates Inc., landowners, submitted an application for a four lot short plat pursuant to Kittitas County Code 16.32 on approximately 20.35 acres of land that is zoned commercial agriculture, located approximately five miles south of the City of Kittitas, south of Crystal Sky Drive between Vanderbilt Road and McDowell Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926, located in a portion of section 2, T16n., R19e., W.M., IN Kittitas County Tax Parcel numbers 16-19-02020-0019 and 16-19-02000-0004.

JEFF SLOTHOWER, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT provided a letter for the Board and read it into the record. He stated the letter was a follow-up on several settlement discussions they have had with respect to this administrative appeal. He stated he was understanding that Kittitas County sent the letter triggering SEPA which forms the basis of the administrative appeal because of the County's concerns about increased traffic on McDowell Road. Mr. Slothower went on to say as indicated, his clients are willing to agree to the following plat condition: "if the county deems necessary in the future the current owners of property which is the subject of this short plat will not object to the formation of a local improvement district and will, in fact, assist in and agree to

the formation of a local improvement district to facilitate the costs of road improvements to McDowell Road." He stated if the County finds this language acceptable as a plat condition to solve the County's concerns about increased traffic on McDowell Road, then he believes that, that will solve all the issues arising out of the administrative appeal and he could dismiss the administrative appeal.

DARRY PIERCY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES stated that the Building department was in agreement and stated that everyone is on board with the language and supported to have the appeal formerly withdrawn.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to accept the letter from Mr. Slothower to formerly withdraw the administrative appeal for the Branta Point Short Plat. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman