

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 12, 2010

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director; Jan Ollivier, Interim Planning Manager; Dan Valoff and Jeff Watson, Planners; John Jenson, Wayne Nelson, Lindsey Ozbolt, Bryan Stockdale; Catherine Clerf and one person representing the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLIANCE

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **Chairman McClain** opened a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission recommendations addressing findings of the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (EWGMHB) for Comprehensive Plan Compliance.

Jan Ollivier, Interim Planning Manager, reported this was the fourth compliance order issued by the EWGMHB which found the County non-compliant in five areas regarding the Snoqualmie Pass LAMIRD, Vantage LAMIRD and City of Kittitas UGA. The Planning Commission met on August 10 and 24, 2010 to take testimony and adopt Findings of Fact on the Growth Management Act compliance issues.

THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS OPENED.

THOSE PRESENT AND TESTIFYING: **Catherine Clerf, 60 Moe RD, Ellensburg**, said she thought the City of Kittitas Urban Growth Area needs more clarification on the municipal water supply to show water was obtained from a private well under a 10 year contract with nine years left. She said the Snoqualmie Pass LAMIRD needs to be reduced and the Vantage LAMIRD needs to be reasonably sized.

John Ufkes, 200 E Third, Ellensburg, said he had submitted written comments and that every proposal should have been analyzed so there was a choice of alternatives. He said the EWGMHB seems unconcerned with vested rights of landowners. **Neil Caulkins**, said regarding vested rights on Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), it is important to remember a LAMIRD would have no impact on PUDs, so it is not a taking.

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Dan Valoff explained that staff used the 2009 Jones & Stokes report, so no new SEPA determination was needed.

Bryan Stockdale, Vantage objected to the smaller amount of land to develop in the Vantage LAMIRD. He showed maps of the Water System and aerial photographs from 1960 at the time the Vantage Bridge was being built which showed the amount of development at that time. He said the process was tainted from the beginning with the consultant.

Mr. Stockdale submitted a copy of the Water System map into the record.

THERE BEING NO OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

Chairman McClain said he shared in Mr. Stockdale's sentiments on forced changes from Olympia and this was a frustrating and long process.

Vice-Chairman Jewell said he had questions on the Type 1 or 2 LAMIRDS for Snoqualmie Pass regarding the difference between the Staff and Planning Commission recommendations.

Neil Caulkins said this had been discussed before he was able to instruct the Planning Commission on the types of LAMIRDS. He said Type 2 LAMIRDS cannot have new residential, but Type 1 can, so it was a better fit.

Vice-Chairman Jewell said he too shared the frustrations of Mr. Ufkes and Mr. Stockdale. He said he would have preferred some alternatives, but the County had spent significant resources fighting this ruling and it was time to become compliant.

Chairman McClain said the County was still fighting some issues of this ruling.

Commissioner Crankovich said the arguments have been made but this is what is needed to do to come into compliance. He said he agreed with the frustration, but the County keeps getting ruled against by the EWGMHB.

Vice-Chairman Jewell moved to adopt the Planning Commission Recommendations and Findings of Fact as presented. Commissioner Crankovich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.


Vice-Chairman Jewell moved to continue the public hearing to November 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium for enabling documents. Commissioner Crankovich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Mark McClain, Chairman