

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

WEDNESDAY

1:00 P.M.

JANUARY 9, 2008

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner David Bowen. Absent- Chairman Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Brandon Drexler, Director of Public Works; Christina Wollman, Staff Planner Public Works; Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer, and two members of the public.

APPEAL HEARING

MARKUS SHORT PLAT

PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 1:00 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened the continued hearing from December 19, 2007, to consider an appeal filed by Jack and Velma Henry, who are appealing the administrative decision denying a road variance request that would allow for access to their property located on Lot#3 of the Markus Short Plat SP-05-72, off of Game Farm Road Tax Parcel 18-19-30063-0003. (LOT 3; SEC 30, TWP 18, RGE 19). The Variance was denied by the Road Variance Committee on October 17, 2007. He noted the record was closed. He stated at the last appeal hearing staff was directed to work with the applicant to try and find a solution.

BRANDON DREXLER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT provided a drawing done by **Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer** after a site visit. Brandon stated that after the site visit was completed and calculations were done by Mr. D'Hondt, they have found that the easement is okay, and Mr. Henry shouldn't have any issues making the turn to and from his property. Brandon noted that one of the main reasons the Road Variance Committee denied the request was because it goes against code.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN reviewed his memories of the last hearing and what the concerns were at that time, he reiterated his appreciation to the applicant for taking into consideration the attempt to keep the traffic flow moving and also to preserve the county road pavement. Commissioner Bowen asked staff what they knew as far as how the AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) rules would apply and if that is something we should look into adopting, or even if they could. He stated he wasn't familiar with those rules but was hoping someone on staff would be to explain to him how they work. **Doug D'Hondt** stated that the way AASHTO works is in benefit to low volume roads; he stated

that they would probably consider any road in our County a highway. **Mr. D'Hondt** stated he remembered the number of cars per day being no more than 400.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN asked what staff had found out about the letters and comments that didn't make it onto the record at the last hearing from Randy Carbary, Staff Planner. **BRANDON DREXLER** stated he and Christina Wollman, Staff Planner had discussed and reviewed the documents and they were not site or plat specific.

VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH stated that **CHAIRMAN MCCLAIN** went home ill today and had asked for consideration of continuing the hearing so he could continue to participate. **BRANDON DREXLER** stated staff had no issues with continuing the hearing. **JACK HENRY, APPLICANT** stated he had no issues with continuing the hearing either.

VICE-CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the Appeal Hearing to Tuesday January 15, 2008 at 2 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse 205 West 5th, Ellensburg, WA. (Record Closed) **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded. Motion carried. 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Vice Chairman