



KITITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Community Development Services

CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES September 14, 2009

THOSE PRESENT:

Alan Crankovich, Mark McClain, Paul Jewell (BOCC) Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier, Maria Fischer (DPW) Dan Valhoff (CDS) Brent Bottoms, Neil Caulkins (PROS) , Brenda Larsen (Fire Marsh.) Cathy Bambrick, James Rivard (HEALTH)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Chad Bala, Lindsey Ozbolt, Pat Deneen, Jeff Slothower.

Discussion Regarding Requiring Soil Logs Before Preliminary Plat Approval:

Cathy Bambrick noted that this subject has come up before, and could affect the size of lots, especially if you are going to place a well on the same lot as a septic system. She stated that State Law requires soil logs prior to preliminary plat approval. It is her recommendation that we follow State Law. Brent Bottoms explained the requirement for one soil log every 5 acres. Jeff Slothower asked if the County could rely on existing data. Cathy stated that the existing data would have to be very good data and be trackable. Discussion followed on how ground water affects soil logs. Cathy noted that not following the State law on this has been an oversight.

Board Direction:

Follow the State Law on all new applications.

Discussion Regarding Water Availability for Plat Approval Requirements:

Cathy stated that this came out of a community request and legal reviewed our current requirements for a hydro-geo report. Brent Bottoms determined that the county is not requiring enough for plat approval. A well log of surrounding wells is inadequate when the RCW's require the health officer to certify potable water in written findings. Well surveys do not say whether or not the water is potable. The well would have to be dug, and then tested. Bottoms noted that as the amount of development in an area is increased this will impact bacterial tests on wells in that area. Jeff Slothower stated that this is an impossible

standard – the county does not need proof positive. Brent stated that in order to make written findings, proof is needed. Pat Deneen stated that a contaminated well can be treated with chlorine. Well testing frequency and the lack of was discussed. McClain stated that the BOCC needs to know what the laws say the County has to do.

Board Direction:

Brent Bottoms to submit a memo to the BOCC on what the County needs to do to follow State Law.

**Discussion Regarding
Public Health Emergency
Coordinator:**

Brenda stated that she would like to remove herself from this requirement and allow Public Health the opportunity to hire staff for this position. Cathy Bambrick stated that while the minimum requirements are being met by Brenda that the additional requirements of staff training have not been met. Brenda stated that she would like to provide information on adopting a fee schedule for inspections to the board.

Board Direction:

Brenda Larsen is to submit a proposed fee schedule to board at next study session.

**Discussion Regarding
New Code Adoption:**

Brenda stated that she has been working on several codes to adopt within Kittitas County for fire and life safety related inspections, gates, key boxes, etc.

Board Direction:

Brenda Larsen is able to continue working on codes for adoption.