

KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES June 14, 2010

THOSE PRESENT:

Paul Jewell, Alan Crankovich (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier, Doug D'Hondt, Jeff Watson, Maria Fischer (PW), Neil Caulkins (Pros), Mandy Weed, Dan Valoff (CDS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dave Nelson, Allison Kimball, Lindsey Ozbolt, Anna Nelson, Jill Arango, Louis Musso, Howard Carlin, Van Peterson, Gary Kurtz, Jack Powell, Gary Maughn

RS2477-PUBLIC ACCESS ACROSS BLM LANDS:

Kirk introduced Dave Nelson, who introduced Gary Maughn, a landowner in the Yakima Canyon. He owns a piece of land east of the N.P. Railway line which has historically always had access, but a recent survey by the BLM showed different property lines and access became an issue. The BOCC has the ability to establish County right of way for access to that property, which WSDOT has no problem with. Nelson showed aerial photos and maps which showed the older access to the property.

Board Direction:

Public Works to begin working on this and bring forward a Resolution.

LANDSLIDES DISCUSSION:

Doug stated that he has obtained landslide maps of the County from the DNR. He introduced Jack Powell, a geologist for the DNR. Doug noted that problems with development on landslide areas have prompted him to review other nearby County's policies on this. Doug stated that geologic processes can be quite slow, which makes attention to older slide areas important. It is critical to address slides. Jack Powell stated that there is a rating system for landslides, which he explained. Kirk stated that some of the landslide information has to be applied now. Anna Nelson of GordonDerr is being consulted about this.

Board Direction:

Staff will prepare guiding policies for development review and present to Board.

SUNCADIA UPDATE:

Kirk noted that almost all of the Phase 2, Division 2 work has been completed, other than some minor punch list items. The holding tank will be decommissioned. Paul

asked about the capacity of the lift station, which was explained as hundreds of homes.

Board Direction:

No direction.

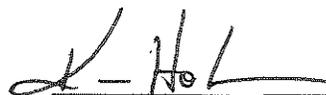
**WOODS & STEELE ROAD –
PARK & RECREATION
DISTRICT PROPOSAL:**

Kirk stated that Public Works has received a request from Park & Recreation District #1 asking the County take responsibility for a portion of FS Road 4510 off of Woods & Steele Road. The District would like to upgrade Road 4510 and enter into an agreement with the County regarding construction standards and maintenance. Louis Musso spoke for the Park & Rec. District, stating that they have been working on developing a Snow-Park in that area for the past 5 years. The road in question is about a 400 yard piece which would be brought up to County standards and then added to the County road system. The USFS has an easement for this road across private property. Musso asked for direction. Discussion followed. Neil noted that the County would have to own the road in order to take it on system. Gary Kurtz noted that improving the road would also benefit several residences on the road. Kirk stated that there would be significant engineering challenges in constructing this road to County standards.

Board Direction:

Public Works to meet with the Park & Recreation District and get everything in order prior to bringing this back to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director