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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

## CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES

December 12, 2011

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Mandy Weed, Dan Valoff (CDS)  
Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier (PW) Anna Nelson (GordonDerr) James Rivard, Maria  
Canfield (PH)

GUESTS PRESENT: Linda Huber, Katherine Kenison, Catherine Clerf, Chad Bala, Jerry Lit, Mark Teske, JJ  
Collins

### GMA Compliance Update:

Anna stated that she has three updates and is hoping for action related to the interview questions of the stakeholders. Anna stated that she is working with IS on the web page and stated that she, Neil and Dan have been working on the stakeholders questions. Anna stated that Jeff has also been working on maps for the compliance. Commissioner O'Brien commented that the Conservation Coalition has 3 people on the list and others have only 1 representative. Commissioner Jewell questioned asking the organization rather than us choosing the individual for them. Commissioner Jewell stated that this work will provide the foundation and we want as much info as we can so that it is defensible and this is the part that we have to get right. Commissioner Jewell also stated that the Commissioners would be happy to help with the interviews. Anna stated that she will get a revised timeline together and a draft letter. Jeff stated that he has been trying to put together the best picture that he can and went thru his power point presentation with zoning, parcels sizes and populations. Jeff stated that the census maps paint the picture of the change over the last 12 years and how things have been subdivided. Jeff stated this is important to understand what could happen with all of the recorded undeveloped lots and the splits that they could take. Anna stated the number of lots is in the SOW and they are working on how this info will be useable during the compliance effort. Anna stated that they have to keep going back to what is the rural character. Jerry Lit stated they are here to support the county and the council believes the commercial lands don't have the bright lines to follow and that they want to be part of the public process. Jerry stated that they want to submit with the same boundaries they submitted last round. Commissioner Jewell questioned what he thinks would be different this time. Jerry stated he thinks there is justification within the record to support it and he thinks there is things that were missed. Katherine Kenison stated she believes the denial was based on insufficiencies in the record. Katherine stated that they can provide the documents to support the numbers and that it is very doable to produce these and make the records at the county level. Commissioner Jewell stated that they will need to get together and discuss this at a separate meeting. Anna stated we have asked Kittitas to put in writing what they can help with.

Board Direction: No action taken.

### SMP Grant SOW's:

Anna stated we are having discussions with ecology on the amount of work that needs listed in the SOW and make it clear who is doing what and the coordinating with the cities. Anna stated that ESA will do the next phase of work which about a \$175,000 task and that she should have a SOW at the next study session for the Board.

Board Direction: No action taken.

### Board of Adjustment Vacancy:

Dan stated that we are down a member on the BOA in District 3. Commissioner O'Brien stated he will search for a rep for the board.

Board Direction: No action taken.

### Washington Aerospace Partnership - Discussion:

Commissioner Jewell stated JJ Collins is here to discuss this item with the Board on behalf of the Economic Development to raise funds for a new Boeing plane to be built in Washington. JJ stated that they are looking for a \$5,000 commitment from Kittitas County. Commissioner Jewell stated the most important aspect is we are sandwiched between 2 contributors and it is

really an investment for our future. Commissioner Crankovich questioned where the funds would come from. Commissioner Jewell stated from the general fund as it is more flexible. Commissioner O'Brien stated he would support it if we can find the funds. Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to authorize payment to the Washington Aerospace Partnership and for the board clerk to write a letter of support and send a check with it. Commissioner Crankovich seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor 3/0.

Board Direction: Authorized payment to the Washington Aerospace Partnership and for the board clerk to write a letter of support and send a check with it.

**Watershed Land Conservation Subcommittee Proposal - Discussion:**

Commissioner Jewell stated this is the final proposal, tried to get a more detailed analysis and the county is evaluating the impacts both positive and negative. Commissioner Jewell stated there are some fundamental components of it and believes this is the proposal moving forward even though he doesn't whole heartedly agree with all aspects of it. Commissioner O'Brien and Commissioner Crankovich both agreed that they don't have any major concerns with it at this time.

Board Direction: No action taken.