

CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES

August 13, 2012

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC) Stephanie Mifflin, Doc Hansen, Dan Valoff (CDS) Kirk Holmes (PW) Neil Caulkins (PA)

GUESTS PRESENT: Chad Bala

Discussion of GMA Tasks and Budget:

Doc updated the Board on the progress in August. Doc stated they are preparing for the meeting on August 21st and expect about \$2500 in funds this month.

Board Direction: No action taken.

Amendment to Code 2.12 to add definition of "reside":

Doc stated he had been talking to Neil Caulkins about changing Kittitas County Code 2.12 to say "reside." Doc stated the reasoning for this amendment is due to the lack of quorum on the Planning Commission Board. Doc stated that one applicant for the Planning Commission Board is currently building and has "legal intent of making a home." Neil stated that case law says defines "reside" is a house in which one lives. Neil stated that there actually needs to be a building before a person can "reside." Paul asked where "reside" is defined in Code. Doc stated it is in State Code. Neil stated if not defined in State Code, you must go to the dictionary for a definition. There was discussion on which District the current applicant's property was and about the vacancies in the other Districts on the Planning Commission Board.

Board Direction: No action taken.

Discussion of Scope of Work regarding the Critical Area Ordinance for ESA and Van Ness and Discussion of Scope of Work regarding the Shorelines Management Ordinance for ESA and Van Ness:

Doc stated Ecology said some of the work for the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) may be covered by the SMP grants. Doc stated the County is currently discussing issues with ESA at this time. Obie questioned whether pulling money from one grant would leave another grant short. Doc stated no, because there are overlaps in tasks between the two. Doc stated that Ecology is very impressed with the work that Kittitas County is doing during the process and handed the Board of County Commissioners a list of additional employees for these projects.

Board Direction: No action taken.

Briefing on the Critical Areas Ordinance Citizens Advisory Committee:

Doc stated there were a number of people that volunteered for the CAO and SMP update process. Doc stated the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) may be a combination of the two, but meetings will be scheduled every other month. Obie asked what the timeline is for the SMP and CAO. Doc stated 2014 for the SMP and 2013 for the CAO.

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Board Direction: No action taken.

Categorical Exemption of the Docket from SEPA:

Dan explained the 2011 amendments to SEPA to the Board and that local jurisdictions are to raise the threshold and change exemptions to minor from nine to 20 and commercial from 8,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet. Dan stated there will be comments from all areas whether there is SEPA or not. Obie asked how agencies are notified if there is no SEPA. Dan stated through the notice of application process. Paul stated his concerns are the conditions that can be imposed through SEPA that the County would not be able to impose under preliminary approval. Dan stated significant changes are, and have been, made and the gap has been filled. Dan stated the County is lacking in fill and grade and storm water ordinances, but that these can be taken care of through the Road Standards. Obie asked how surrounding property owners will be notified so they have the ability to comment without SEPA. Dan stated through the County's notice of application process which includes an email to agencies, publication in the paper, a letter to surrounding property owners within 500 feet, and a big land use sign.

Board Direction: No action taken.