



KITITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES December 10, 2012

THOSE PRESENT:

Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell, Alan Crankovich, Kirk Holmes, Jan Ollivier, Candie Leader (DPW), Mandy Weed, Lindsey Ozbolt (CDS), Neil Caulkins

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Teske, Lila Hansen, Jill Scheffer

HELEN MCCABE PARK:

Kirk presented a short update on the progress being made on Helen McCabe Park. A grant has been secured by Forterra in the amount of \$800,000. The issue at hand is the ownership of the park. State Parks would like to transfer ownership. From a Public Works and Flood Control Zone District standpoint the property would provide an opportunity for offsite mitigation. No decisions or plans have been made yet regarding the issue. Jill Scheffer added to the discussion that the park itself does not fit the typical image of a State Park. In the Parks planning it shows it to be used as an educational center in the future but the State would like to surplus the property. Jill was able to get the contact name for the person to discuss the idea of the County acquiring the property. Kirk asked the BOCC on their thoughts on this topic. Commissioner Crankovich questioned the cost of the maintenance of the facility and Commissioner Jewell added that the County does not have a Parks Department. Commissioner Jewell referred to a previous discussion where a long term lease would be written up with KEEN. He would like to revisit that plan and questioned the timing of the project and the issue of the home on the property. Jill has a copy of the rental agreement and she is not familiar yet with the terms of the agreement or the condition of the structure.

Board Direction:

Continue with researching the acquisition of the property and report back.

Kirk added that he will be meeting with the Yakima County Flood Control Zone District And is working on a memo regarding the Flood Control Zone District for the BOCC's review.


Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director