

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**2:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 15, 2014**

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell and Vice-Chairman Gary Berndt. Excused: Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; Doc Hansen, Planning Official; Susan Grindle, Executive Director of HopeSource and 3 members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARING                      CDBG - PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT                      COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider and review Community Development and Housing Needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in Kittitas County. Up to \$83,359.00 will be available to Kittitas County and HopeSource to fund public services. There were handouts available to the public relating to the application materials including availability of funds and eligible uses

**SUSAN GRINDLE, HOPESOURCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** reviewed the proposed Community Development Block Grant Funds application to the Department of Commerce in the total amount of \$83,359.00 and gave an update on last year's use of funds. She reviewed the number of people they serve between Hope University education which supports housing and energy programs and all other programs that include basic life skills such as budgeting, household management, credit and financial crisis money management. She said the programs provide an opportunity for their clients to move forward in the community. She said HopeSource also offers online classes, noting they have been collecting new curriculum for their life skills program so people can access Hope University easier. She said without the CDBG funding they would not be able to provide opportunities for people in the community, and noted the funding does not support any of their other programs. It was noted the energy clients must take a basic/saving money class before obtaining assistance and if a client is receiving rent assistance they must take a Hope University class.

**2014-04-15 MINUTES**

**APPROVED**  
**5-6-14**

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2014-063 CDBG - PUBLIC SERVICES GRANT COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to approve and authorize signature on the 2014 Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant, Public Service Funds application materials including Resolution No. 2014-063, Project Summary, Title VI Certification, Project Description, Services Budget and Citizen Participation Documentation. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**OPEN SPACE CURRENT USE**

**CDS**

At approximately 2:13 p.m. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing continued from April 1, 2014 to consider Open Space Current Use Applications: File OC-12-00001 (Tucker); File OC-13-00001 (Resort Creek) and File OC-13-00002 (Gold Creek).

**JEFF WATSON, STAFF PLANNER** gave a Staff Report on the Tucker Open Space Current Use Application (OC-12-00001). He reviewed the location which is approximately 6 miles south by southwest of Snoqualmie Pass off Forest Service Road 4832. He reviewed the site information and criteria used for analysis. He said the applicant would like to have the property designated Open Space Current Use in order to protect the streams and water supply. He noted the parcel abuts the Southside of the Teanaway Community Forest area.

**MR. TUCKER, APPLICANT** felt his application met all the Open Space Current Use criteria and recommended the Board's approval. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** said there would be a substantial tax shift and questioned what the public benefit would be if the property were designated as Open Space. **MR. TUCKER** said the public benefit would be to have no further development on the property and it would be left as it is.

**CHAIRMAN JEWELL** reviewed the criteria for Open Space Current Use designation and how it relates to the application. He said he did not see a lot of public benefit to grant the request, while noting some of the criteria may be met, he did not feel it was enough to shift the burden of taxes to others. **COMMISSIONER BERNDT** said he did not see anything in the application that would be a public benefit to grant the request.

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**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE TUCKER OPEN SPACE CURRENT USE APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to deny the Open Space Current Use Application, stating there was no adequate public benefit to justify a tax shift. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**JEFF WATSON, STAFF PLANNER** reviewed the Resort Creek Open Space Current Use Application (OC-13-00001), for property located approximately 6 miles south by southwest of Snoqualmie Pass off Forest Service Road 4832. He reviewed the site information and criteria used for analysis. He noted the applicant stated the property is integral to the wildlife connectivity corridors along I-90 and had been acquired with Section 6 funding from the US Department of Fish & Wildlife to secure threatened and endangered fish and wildlife habitat and to protect critical wildlife corridors surrounding I-90. He said although the property is open for public use it is not advertised as such.

**CHAIRMAN JEWELL** questioned if there was any information provided on the specific types of species it would be used for a nesting ground or migration corridor.

**DARCEY WHITNEY, AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR FORTERRA** reviewed the application, public benefits and the conservation easement in place. She noted how the property was very steep and could not be further developed and would be open to the public. She urged the Board's approval of the application. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** said he explained the criteria he used and the reasons to justify approving the application including how it qualifies as a public benefit promoting conservation principals. He said the property is along I-90 and the view shed is obvious.

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** felt the scenic resources were also important.

**THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE RESORT CREEK OPEN SPACE CURRENT USE APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**MR. WATSON** said the application was for 3 contiguous parcels that could have been developed independently, prior to their Conservation Agreement.

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**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to approve Resort Creek Open Space Current Use Application (OC-13-00001), as presented. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**JEFF WATSON, STAFF PLANNER** reviewed the Gold Creek Open Space Current Use Application (OC-13-00002), for property located approximately 2 miles southeast of the top of Snoqualmie Pass at 189 Snowshoe Lane. He reviewed the site information and criteria used for analysis. He said there were wetlands on the property and the property is also covered by a Conservation Easement.

**DARCEY WHITNEY** urged the Board approving their application. She reviewed the criteria that applied to grant their request and noted that although public access is allowed it is not advertised.

**THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE GOLD CREEK OPEN SPACE CURRENT USE APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** indicated he did not have any issues with the application.

**COMMISSIONER BERNDT** moved to approve Open Space Current Use Application (OC-13-00002), as presented. **CHAIRMAN JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board asked Staff to include in their Findings how the majority of the property is located within the 100 year flood plain; Gold Creek's designation of a shoreline of the State to protect streams and water supply; public access is allowed which enhances recreation and they had a self-imposed Easement in place.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Paul Jewell, Chairman