

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 4, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Doug D'Hondt, Engineer; Maria Fischer, Engineer Tech. I; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager and 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

NO PARKING SPARKS ROAD

PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** opened a Public Hearing to consider adding a No Parking Zone on Sparks Road and Amending KCC "No Parking Areas" Section 10.07.010 "Areas Designated". He stated that the proposed area is from the intersection with West Sparks Road at milepost 0.00 to the commercial development access at milepost 0.26., and noted that it will be on both sides of the road.

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed an Engineer's Report. She stated that pursuant to KCC Title 10, the Kittitas County Department of Public Works conducted a transportation review of the Kittitas County code Title 10 "No Parking Areas" Section 10.07.010 "Areas Designated". The proposed no parking area is located on Sparks Road in Township 20 North, Range 13 East, Sections 2 & 11, W.M. She stated that Marge Brandsrud, an Easton resident, requested that the Department of Public Works consider establishing a No Parking Area on Sparks Road. She explained that Ms. Brandsrud indicated that when Interstate 90 (I-90) Snoqualmie Pass is closed, vehicles waiting for it to reopen will frequently park on Sparks Road and block its travel lanes, causing a problem for emergency vehicles and Easton residents to access the commercial and residential area to the east of I-90 Exit 70. She stated that Ms. Brandsrud feels that blocking traffic on Sparks Road is a public health and safety issue. She stated that Emergency responders must be able to access through the section of Sparks Road to provide emergency services to over 230 privately owned parcels, 11 of these are zoned general commercial and that this bottleneck also separates people from traveling between their homes and school or

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workplaces. **MS. OLLIVIER** stated that blocking Sparks Road with parked vehicles is currently illegal. Washington State RCW 46.61.560(1) states: "outside of incorporated cities and towns no person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the roadway." She stated that the only exceptions to this are when a vehicle is temporarily disabled, when a public transit vehicle temporarily stops for passengers, and when a driver of a solid waste/recycle collection vehicle temporarily stops.

The Board had no questions for Staff.

THOSE PRESENT AND REQUESTING TO TESTIFY: MARGE BRANDSRUD, PO BOX 638 EASTON, WA (REQUESTOR) spoke in favor of the request. She stressed that the safety and welfare are of the utmost importance. She expressed concerns for the updates being done on I-90 and the impacts to the area. **JOHN JENSEN, PO BOX 602 EASTON, WA** spoke in favor of the request. He provided a copy of his testimony and pictures. He stated that although he is a volunteer firefighter he is speaking on behalf of himself. He stated that the current proposal only addresses a small portion of what actually happens on Sparks Road during an emergency closure of I-90. The map addresses East Sparks Road only but in reality the same problem exists on West Sparks Road as well. He stated that over the years he has presented the issue to the BoCC and former Public Works Director Kirk Holmes with photos, but is unaware of any follow up. He stated that Mr. Holmes and Chairman Berndt even did an on-site inspection. He stated that if the signs are posted there is still a great deal of concern because the parking will just back up further down the road where there are no signs posted. **TERRY HILL, PO BOX 530 EASTON, WA** explained that he was in support of "something" being done but wasn't sure this proposal was the answer, but it may be a good start. He stated that a bigger solution is needed and would like to see the State purchase a parking lot to accommodate the vehicles backing up. He stated that the East and West need to be addressed otherwise they will just bottleneck further down the road. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** stated that an interim solution is needed. He stated that he wasn't sure this proposal would fix things but would be willing to try it. He questioned if barricades would help. **JOHN JENSEN, PO BOX 602 EASTON, WA** requested to comment further. He stated that he has seen the road closed overnight more than once and there is not restrooms etc. to accommodate. **TOM DRYDEN, PO BOX 649 EASTON, WA** suggested the County consider widening the road to accommodate space for parking, walking and

biking. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL REQUESTS TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER JEWELL stated that his concern is this may only be a short term solution. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** agreed and felt that if it doesn't work it can be reversed.

ORDINANCE 2015-005 KCC AMENDMENT TITLE 10 PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-005, Kittitas County Code Amendment of Title 10 "No Parking Areas" Section 10.07.010 "Areas Designated". He stated he feels this may only be a short term solution but will support Staff's recommendation and would like to look at long term needs.

CHAIRMAN BERNDT seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SOLID WASTE DEBRIS MGMT PLAN PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:27 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the Kittitas County Solid Waste Debris Management Plan as accepted by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

JAN OLLIVIER, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER reviewed a Staff Report and explained that Public Works followed guidelines established by FEMA's Debris Management Plan outline and Kittitas County's experiences in the 1996 winter floods. She stated that Public Works Department developed the plan, maps and forms, with help from Solid Waste (who consulted the State Dept. of Ecology (DOW) for input) and Environmental Health. She stated that the draft plan was sent to the State Office of Emergency Management (EMD) for their review and comments, and then it was sent to FEMA for final review, noting that FEMA has accepted the draft plan.

THERE BEING NO PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL stated that he would like to meet with whichever Staff member was responsible for the development of the plan as he had a great deal of typos to have corrected.

RESOLUTION 2015-109 S.W. DEBRIS MGMT PLAN PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-109, to adopt the Kittitas County Solid Waste Debris Management Plan, noting that Public Works Staff would correct the scribe's errors and typos that Commissioner Jewell will send to Public Works Staff to address. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** seconded. The Board

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thanked Public Works Staff for doing the Solid Waste Debris Management Plan, noting that it was a large document and took a great deal of time. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD



Mandy Buchholz

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Gary Berndt, Chairman