

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
APPEAL HEARING**

TUESDAY

3:00 P.M.

May 10, 2005

Those in attendance: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice-Chair David Bowen and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Director of Public Works; Joy Potter, Engineering Tech, Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Joanna Valencia, Staff Planner, and 2 members of the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

PINE GROVE PLAT 1 & 2

CDS

At 3:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** opened the continued appeal hearing from April 26th, 2005 to consider an appeal of the administrative decision of the Community Development Services Director based on the conditions that the Public Works Director placed on the Pine Grove Plats 1 and 2. Chairman Huston explained the status of the hearing and disclosed that he has reviewed the record and listened to the recording of the April 26th meeting. He asked for the record of any objections to him sitting in on the board discussion and decision. There were no objections. Commissioner Huston disclosed that he talked to Mr. Bennett about process because Mr. Bennett asked if the record needed to be re-opened and Commissioner Huston said no the record didn't need to be opened.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BOWEN explained that he reviewed the WAC and Road Standards that pertain to the spacing requirements. He reviewed the codes that were relevant to the spacing requirements. He said that in this case the WAC doesn't and that it was used by staff to basis the decision.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH said that he wasn't part of the road standards re-write and agreed with Commissioner Bowen and that he could understand where the confusion was. **CHAIRMAN HUSTON** explained the process and intent of the Road Standards adoption. Road Standard information was adopted with the idea that some portions were adopted by reference (to the RCW or WAC when applicable) so that there was concurrence and there wasn't duplication. As things are changed to the WAC's and RCW's the references are to be updated. Commissioner Huston doesn't believe that there is sufficient, specific information to support the decision made by Public Works. He explained that he reviewed the record and that his

decision is made from the record that he reviewed. He explained that there is insufficient information to indicate the access points by the applicant is not safe, it maybe undesirable. Commissioner Huston spoke in support in terms of a motion that there was insufficient information in the record that the access was unsafe. Pine Grove Short Plat #1 will use the existing access and Pine Grove Short Plat #2 will use Book Lane. He found no fault in Public Works staff. He explained that he needed specific information from the Road Standards and that he was not going to adopt for one member of the public.

MOTION

PINE GROVE PLAT 1 & 2

PUBLIC WORKS

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to uphold the appeal of the administrative decision of the Public Works Department for the Pine Grove Plat 1 & 2 with conditions #1 and conditions #2 relating to access. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** seconded the motion. Commissioner Crankovich noted Nelson Siding Road is scheduled for extensive maintenance to become a major collector. Commissioner Huston said he doesn't find fault in the Public Works Department and there needs to be specific information used from the Road Standards.

Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to continue the public hearing to May 17th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose to review the facts and conclusions of law. **COMMISSIONER BOWEN** second. Jeff Slothower asked to be able to review the facts and conclusion of law prior to approval by the Board. Mr. Bennett said he would get that to him.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Shannon L. Carlson

Perry D. Huston, Chair