

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY

3:00 P.M.

APRIL 11, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman David Bowen and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Allison Kimball, Assistant Director of Community Development Services; Jeffery Allen, Executive Vice President of LOWE Enterprises; Paul Eisenberg, Senior Vice President of Development; Art Slobakken, Development Manager plating & infrastructure; Steve Lathrop, Attorney representing Suncadia.

UPDATE

SUNCADIA

COMMISSIONERS

At approximately 3:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH** opened a special with representatives from Suncadia.

Mr. Slobakken said this is a meeting to thank the Commissioners for all their cooperation and assistance over the past few years. He stated he knows it hasn't been easy with all the changes in staff at Suncadia, but he wanted the Commissioners to know that the excellent working relationship with the County and its staff has been crucial to help the Suncaida staff get through their changes. He noted that the main changes have been in upper management, but feels that, that will slow down a lot now.

Mr. Eisenberg expressed his thanks as well and updated the Commissioners on the present changes in upper management within Suncadia.

Mr. Allen thanked the Commissioners as well for taking the time to meet with them and stated that the goal now is to work on recruiting and he wants to be able to give back to the community with employment and economics/growth. He felt now is the time to be proactive and keep the communication open. He noted that he would like to make an effort to bring out the new manager once hired to meet with the same group of people meeting today. Mr. Allen reviewed his background with LOWE Enterprises and said it is the second largest hotel chain in the country. He stated that things may change from retail to property management but he didn't anticipate that anytime soon.

Commissioner Bowen expressed his frustration and concerns to Mr. Lathrop in regards to the last twelve to fourteen months, but he appreciates the Suncadia representatives coming out and keeping the communication barrier open.

Mr. Eisenberg expressed his apologies for any confusion or misunderstanding and noted that was never the intention.

Commissioner Bowen also stated he felt it was important to clean up the language in the contracts between the County and Suncadia, and didn't know where Suncadia stood on that issue.

Mr. Eisenberg stated that they worry about the agreement daily and definitely want to work with the County on all of the agreements and try and get them all to mesh. Mr. Eisenberg discussed a 5013C fund that will pay for things on the outside and inside of Suncadia.

Mr. Slobakken reiterated that there was no intent to change from the team work, and he stated that they want tighter business practices and hope to get things more streamlined soon.

Commissioner Bowen stated he has felt for some time and has also noticed the concerns in citizens within the County and wanted to make sure Suncadia was aware, that the elected officials have worked very hard for the acceptance of Suncadia, and noted he's glad to hear that the doors are always open.

Commissioner Crankovich expressed his understanding and stated he realizes that this is a first time for all to have this kind of development agreement before them, and he feels they are doing the best they can in the given situation. He noted "we are all learning".

Mr. Piercy stated that times have changed from seven years ago and new people and new eyes are watching this is a first for this type of "living document".

Commissioner Bowen stated he fully supports finding a face to represent Suncadia, and felt it was definitely a move in the right direction.

The representatives from Suncadia thanked the County Commissioners and staff for their time and stated they were looking forward to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mandy Robinson

Alan Crankovich, Chairman