COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY **2:00 P.M.** **OCTOBER 19, 2010**

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Kirk Holmes, Public Works/Interim Community Development Services Director; Dan Valoff, Staff Planner; Brenda Larsen, Fire Marshal; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner and 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING **2009 OPEN SPACE APPLICATIONS** **CDS**

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider seven (7) Open Space Current Use applications for 2009.

JEFF WATSON, STAFF PLANNER explained there had been seven (7) Open Space Current Use applications submitted to Kittitas County and were all recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. He noted the County would eventually consider a Public Benefit Rating System and at that time, all Open Space classifications would be revisited at that time. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** questioned the Findings of Fact from the Planning Commission which stated the approval was done by a vote of 5-0, but the minutes note there were only 4 members in attendance. **MR. WATSON** said the Findings of Fact should state it was a 4-0 vote.

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

COMMISSIONER JEWELL questioned staff on the Sun Country application and it's criteria of public recreation. He wondered how it could be considered being a privately owned, fee based golf course and did not see any legislative intent written regarding it. **MR. WATSON** said staff had sat down with the Planning Department and the Assessor's office to discuss the issue. Through general consensus they felt on some level it does enhance public opportunities (public recreation criteria). **KIRK HOLMES, PUBLIC WORKS/INTERIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR** said most concerns of the land are under an overall maintenance plan that they may have on file.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL asked questions of the Northland application and if there were public recreation opportunities available. **ALLISON KIMBALL, AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR NORTHLAND INVESTMENTS** explained that

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Meadowridge's original plan was dedicated as open space on the plat. She said although it is a private driveway and has a gated access people can walk on to the property to enjoy it. She said the Open Space is located in the center of the plat with a large scenic view of the valley. **MR. WATSON** said the statutes are extremely vague, and noted the property was located within the Cle Elum UGA. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** asked if they could condition applications. **DAN VALOFF, STAFF PLANNER** said the Board could make additional conditions. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** referenced the Northland application and said there were numerous trails in the area.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve the Open Space Current Use applications; to amend the Planning Commission's Findings of Fact changing the votes for Items D - H reflecting 4-0 (and not 5-0); add a condition under Item F that there are historical trails and public recreation in the area; and to condition Item H on the Williamson application to take care of the Assessor's clarification on the amount of total acreage of the application. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded.

Motion carried 2-1 (Chairman McClain opposed).

PUBLIC HEARING AMEND COUNTY CODE TITLE 14 FIRE MARSHAL

At approximately 2:32 p.m. **CHAIRMAN McCLAIN** opened a public hearing to consider proposed changes to the Kittitas County Code to include amendments to Title 14.04.010(b).

BRENDA LARSEN, FIRE MARSHAL reviewed a proposed Ordinance which would amend the Kittitas County Code Title 14.01.040(4)(b)(ii), Appendix B. She explained that the new fire flow requirements for agricultural buildings in most cases cannot easily be met in our rural areas, and per the International Fire Code allowances, has created an amendment to Appendix B whereby those structures may be exempt from fire flow requirements. She said the Prosecutors office has reviewed and approved the Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE 2010-010 AMEND COUNTY CODE TITLE 14 FIRE MARSHAL

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2010-010, Amending Title 14 of the Kittitas County Code. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Julie A. Kjorsvik

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Mark McClain, Chairman