

Kittitas County Community Development Services

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

8/17/2010

ACTION REQUESTED:

Conduct closed record hearing for the Sierra Group Holdings rezone (Z-06-39).

BACKGROUND:

Sierra Group Holdings, LLC and Collins Investments, LLC, landowners, has submitted an application for a zone change from Forest & Range to Rural-3 of approximately 60.00 acres. This is a non-project rezone.

This matter has a substantial procedural history. On May 15, 2007, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners denied this rezone application. In a land use petition action was filed by the applicant on June 5, 2007. On March 28, 2008, Kittitas County Superior Court entered a Stipulated Order reversing the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners' denial of the Sierra Rezone and remanding the matter to the Kittitas County Planning Commission to conduct a de novo open record public hearing. Kittitas County is now served by a Land Use Hearing Examiner, replacing the Kittitas County Planning Commission on review of rezone applications. Therefore, the Court's March 28, 2008, Stipulated Order affectively referred this matter back to the Kittitas County Land Use Hearing Examiner for a de novo open record public hearing.

The site is located east of SR-903 and north of the City of Roslyn and is access via R & R Heights Drive, Roslyn, WA, within a portion of Section 8, T20N. R15E. WM. in Kittitas County. Assessor's map numbers 20-15-08000-0002 & 0003.

The Hearing Examiner conducted a de novo open record hearing on June 24, 2010 to consider this matter where evidence was submitted and testimony was heard. On July 16, 2010 the Hearing Examiner issued a recommendation of approval for the Sierra Group Holdings rezone (Z-06-39).

INTERACTION:

County Prosecutor's office.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board conduct the closed record hearing as scheduled to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation of approval for the Sierra Group Holdings rezone (Z-06-39) and direct staff to prepare enabling documents based upon the decision of the Board.

HANDLING:

None

LEAD STAFF:

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