Study Session Minutes
Community Development Services

April 14, 2003

Those Present: Perry Huston, Bruce Coe and Max Golladay

Also Present: Jim Hurson, Paul Bennett, David Taylor and Allison Kimball

Also Present: Pat Deneen, Mike Stevenson, Jerry Davis, Selah Fire Chief, Larry Davis, Selah Fire Commissioner, Stan Baker, Chief, Fire District #2, Derald Gaidos, Fire Marshal

Subdivision Process

David Taylor outlined the desire to have the process simple and straightforward. He asked whether the Board wanted to require soil logs up front prior to preliminary approval and whether they wanted wells drilled or a hydrologic report. He also asked whether the Board wanted to require roads to be built and all requirements completed before preliminary plat approval. The Board stated the Environmental Health requirements for Short plats should be:

- Well drilled on site prior to approval with Group B workbook completed as needed prior to approval
- Soil evaluations done prior to approval

After more discussion on requirements for short plats, Perry Huston asked about the requirements for Exempt Segregations. He would like to see requirements for different levels of Segregations based on the number of lots. He wanted to have the same standards for everyone who applied. Bruce Coe agreed that consistency was the issue the Board was trying to get at. It was decided to have weekly meetings with Bruce Coe taking the lead for the Board, to consider this process.

Pat Deneen said that the developers shouldn't have to draw and redraw their plats. The requirements should be the same for everyone. He suggested that the preliminary approval should state that final approval will be made if all conditions are met.

There was some discussion on bonding as well as Certificates of Occupancy and building permits being issued before the roads are approved.

Selah Fire Department Request

Jerry Davis, Selah Fire Chief expressed concerns with the service area. He explained about the area of Kittitas County more easily accessed by the Selah Fire Department than Fire District #2 in Kittitas County. He stated that there were approximately 25-30 homes responded to by Selah for fire, rescue and
emergency medical needs. He expressed concern about liability and asked the Board about instituting an interlocal agreement. **Perry Huston** said that the Kittitas County residents could annex into the Selah Fire District. Davis said that they do not go past the Wymer cut on the old Canyon RD or Umptanum on I-82.

It was determined that **Jerry Davis** would send a draft agreement similar to one with Benton County. **Max Golladay** commented that the County should notify property owners that they are not in a protection district.

**Log Home Engineering Policy**

**David Taylor** gave a brief background of the log home policy and the discussions that have resulted from the policy.

**Mike Stevenson** said that he was not asking for any special favors. He explained his predicament over the engineering policy.

The Board directed that starting July 1, 2003 the policy would be in effect requiring engineering on log homes.

**Stan Baker Letter**

The letter submitted by Stan Baker, Chief, Fire District #2 questioning the need for a short plat was discussed.