DATE: 7-19-04
TIME: 2:30

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Max Golladay and Perry Huston

THOSE PRESENT: Allison Kimball and Catherine Dunn

OTHERS PRESENT: Jan Sharar, Pat Deneen, Clint Perry, Chad Bala and Marc Kirkpatrick, Eastside Consultants; Ben Floyd and Bob Wubbena, EES Consultants

TOPICS:
1. Update on Suncadia construction
2. Update on Fire Marshal call out protocol
3. New Road Standards procedures
4. Early building of residences on parcels going through platting
5. EES Consultants on Watershed Plan
6. BOCC issues and concerns

ATTACHMENTS:
1. None
2. Fire Marshal Call Out Protocol (draft)
3. None
4. None
5. None
6. None

DISCUSSION:
1. Kimball reported that she had met with the Construction Vice-President of Suncadia and he proposed a third party inspector who would submit reports to the County of his inspections. She said that she had told them that County inspectors would be inspecting the construction of the Suncadia buildings and that the County required 48 hours notice for inspections. Golladay said that he did not want special treatment for inspections for Suncadia. They could arrange for weekly schedules of inspections or call for each inspection 48 hours ahead. If this proved to be more than the current inspectors could handle, we could hire private inspectors to cover these inspections.

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He told Kimball to be proactive and get a list of private inspection contractors.

2. Kimball reviewed with the Board the Policies and Procedures for the Fire Marshal Call Out Protocol. Huston had the following changes: #11C wasn’t necessary; #11D needed Board approval for task force work; IV need to have “radio contact and cell phone” removed; VII remove “additional investigators and investigation van” as Kittitas County has neither.

3. Sharar asked what the procedures regarding notice for those projects in process that would be changed to the new Road Standards. Huston said that the SEPA Responsible Official would review those projects under SEPA to determine whether the proposed changes would trigger additional SEPA review. He said that he didn’t see the change from public to private roads in itself as a significant change unless there is a change in the environmental review. Sheridan said that in Short Plats where there is no SEPA review, a re.notice of preliminary approval may be necessary.

4. This item was dropped from the agenda.

5. Huston initiated the discussion saying that the Watershed Plan started as an advisory document and it is no longer advisory. The plan had become a platform for rule writing by the WA ST DOE. He said that there is many good conversational points in the plan. He said that he had asked the Planning Unit to ask themselves whether they were still comfortable with the Plan as it was no longer an “advisory only” document. Golladay said that during the process those Planning Unit members not part of State Agencies, wear out and quit the process. He said that the Kittitas County Planning Unit members weren’t comfortable with the Plan. Floyd said that Benton County had hired them to work with the four counties to answer the questions that they had. They were on a fact finding mission for the August 10, 2004 public hearing.
Wubbena said that there were three issues: 1. the question on WA ST DOE and rule making authority; 2. If the Plan went forward, what would be the form and structure; 3. What had the consultant’s done in the Plan that was problematic. They were trying to bring clarity to the process. The Plan was developed by local people and goes before the local Board of Commissioners. Then it goes to State Agencies. Those drafting the bills didn’t want the State agencies to go to Olympia and just write rules without County involvement. The intent of the rules was too have local control. 1336 was to give State agencies rules to follow. EES could draft interpretive language for sign off by the local Boards and WA ST DOE. Huston said assuming that DOE cannot add to the Plan; a decision-making Board is created; DOE writes rules and/or obligations; does the Board have veto power over DOE? Wubbena said yes, they would. Under 1336, DOE would have to negotiate with the decision-making Board. Huston said that he wanted nothing to do with the Plan as it is now. He could make changes, he said. If the DOE could make rules out of this Plan, he wanted all the touch-feely stuff out. If it came to him and his Board to interpret the Plan, he could live with it. It was decided to have the local members of the Planning Unit come to the next study session.

**ACTIONS:**

1. Kimball will investigate available private inspectors in case one is needed for the Suncadia project.
2. Kimball would work on the Fire Marshal protocol.
3. Dunn would write a memo for ratification by the Board.
4. Item was dropped from agenda.
5. Dunn would contact local Planning Unit members.