COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY 4:00 P.M. OCTOBER 13, 2004

Board members present: Chairman Perry D. Huston, Vice-Chairman Bruce Coe and Commissioner Max Golladay.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Paul Bennett, Public Works Director; Kelly Carlson, Administrative Assistant, Public Works Department; James Hurson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor and approximately 25 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING  VACATE PORTION WADE ROAD/GLADMAR PARK  PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the continued public hearing to consider the proposed vacation of an undeveloped portion of Wade Road East of the County Maintained Portion of Wade Road and the Internal Road System located in Gladmar Park.

He reviewed procedural issues and acknowledged receipt of a letter from William Rowley, requesting a continuance of the public hearing, due to lack of notification to him, even though he owns property within 300 feet of Gladmar Park and roads adjacent and within the park. MR. ROWLEY said he was not notified of the public hearing, and had read about it in the newspaper. He requested the Board continue the hearing to allow him additional time to review the information that had been submitted by the Public Works Department. CHAIRMAN HUSTON felt it was a reasonable request to remedy the mistake and to ensure it was not challenged. COMMISSIONERS COE AND GOLLADAY did not have a problem with the request.

COMMISSIONER COE moved to continue the public hearing to Wednesday October 27, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium, Room 109, County Courthouse, and to allow written comments to be accepted up until the time of the hearing. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING  SURPLUS GLADMAR PARK  PUBLIC WORKS

At 4:07 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the continued public hearing to consider the surplus of Gladmar Park.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON referenced a letter dated October 12, 2004 from Jeb and Gloria Baldi, suggesting a possible violation of the Appearance
of Fairness Doctrine. CHAIRMAN HUSTON said the remedy would be for the Board to declare the nature of the contact and to ask for any objections.

COMMISSIONER COE explained that during the previous public hearing, he had referenced an RCW, and upon conclusion of the hearing, Mr. DePaepe came into his office to get a copy of it. He claimed there were no discussions between the two of them regarding the matter. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY did not recall any incidence or conversation with Mr. DePaepe following the hearing. CHAIRMAN HUSTON said he had no contact or conversations to disclose. He asked if there were any objections to the any one of the Board members continuing to hear the matter. There were no objections.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON acknowledged there was a motion on the floor from the previous hearing. A motion was made and seconded to surplus Gladmar Park. COMMISSIONER GOLLADAY spoke against the motion, and said the road issues needed to be settled before the park issue. Motion failed 0-3.

The Board referenced Mr. William Rowley’s letter and suggested continuing the public hearing to a later date to allow him the additional time to review the documents.

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CHAIRMAN HUSTON recapped the two separate issues between surplusing Gladmar Park and the request for a road vacation. He asked for people who would like to submit their written comments, to be as specific to the topics as possible. He encouraged the public to not seek out the Board of County Commissioners with comments, but instead to offer them in writing so everyone has access to them.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD       KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Julie A. Kjorsvik        Perry D. Huston, Chairman

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