TUESDAY 4:00 P.M. JULY 12, 2005

Board members present: Chairman Perry Huston; Vice-Chairman David Bowen and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Joy Potter, Public Works Staff; Ryan Roberts, Public Works Staff; Patti Johnson, Interim Public Works Director and approximately 5 members of the public.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. Chairman Huston opened the Special Meeting.

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Jeff Greear representing the Central Washington Parks Foundation said they had anticipated construction of the soccer fields immediately, but due to delays on City's part it would not be happening as early as they desired. He said the reimbursement time would begin by next June. They anticipated starting in the fall and completing the project by next spring.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON said the Board could earmark their funding request for the 2006 budget and be ready to do matching with City. No action at this point. He said he would prepare a Resolution for follow up on July 19, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARING VACATE OLD FAUST ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At approximately 4:03 p.m. CHAIRMAN HUSTON opened the public hearing to consider the vacation of all or a portion of the Old Faust Road Alignment right-of-way near the new alignment of Faust Road, beginning at approximately MP 0.46 and near the intersection with the John Wayne Trail.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON gave a brief recap of the public hearings that had been previously held by the Board. He noted the current notice allowed the County the option to vacate any or all of Old Faust Road. The draft minutes from July 5, 2005 and staff report were introduced into record (which reflected options).

He explained the Board made the following points by consensus: the County is obligated to remove the hairpin; there is no disagreement.
that the John Wayne trail needs to be reconnected; and the State Parks has first right of refusal. COMMISSIONER BOWEN added that the County needed to discuss providing access to the Sinclair’s and Green’s.

JOY POTTER, PUBLIC WORKS STAFF recommended vacating the southern portion. She reviewed the cost options (noting there was one additional option introduced since previous hearing). She expressed concerns of designing a cul-de-sac as recommended by the Sinclair family.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: DALE DYK, ALSO REPRESENTING MARK GREENE (he read a letter into the record from Mr. Greene) expressed concerns with the culvert by not vacating the North portion. ART SINCLAIR felt the proposed realignment would make them go further away from town than the route they have always been using and according to cost sheets it is the one option that takes property out of parents home and very close to their front door. JOHN FISHER referenced a map and said it does not show speed limit (which is 50 miles per hour) and he had concerns with the intersection and it not being very safe at the North side. SHERI SINCLAIR was concerned with the speed and that people can’t see going up the hill. She claimed it was an extremely dangerous spot especially for farm equipment.

THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN asked the Sinclair’s how they would feel if the County vacated the whole road. ART SINCLAIR said he didn’t like idea of having to maintain an additional 800 feet to his driveway. He said he was unsure if he’d ever find someone to eventually purchase his place who would want to maintain it either. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH referenced the northern leg and moving the cul-de-sac further away. He also questioned the hammerhead turnaround.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON said there was going to be cul-de-sac either way; and by putting in a better culvert it would cost more, but it would keep everyone as whole as possible. He was in favor of vacating the north leg and creating a mirror image. He explained the advantages claiming it would impact very few; gives access off the county road way for a trail head; and that it becomes a matter of principle.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON moved to direct staff to vacate the north portion; begin negotiating with adjacent property owners to build a cul-de-sac at end of south leg; and begin cost estimates with a schedule for a mirror image proposal. COMMISSIONER BOWEN seconded.

CHAIRMAN HUSTON gave staff direction to look at the culvert making sure they were no worse off; look at the triangle property and come up with estimates of value in which they could dispose of the
property in the immediate future; and to come back with a mirror image which would reconnect the trail. He said the County would still maintain the culvert, if were the ones to do it.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN said he had walked the property the previous week and other than compaction issues, he felt the mirror alignment would work best. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH said he also had walked the area and felt the mirror image would be the easiest. He said he was unaware that the trail has to be up to ADA standards.

Motion carried 3-0.

VOUCHERS

The following vouchers were approved:

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Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Perry D. Huston, Chairman