At approximately 10:00 a.m. CHAIRMAN BOWEN opened an appeal hearing on an administrative decision of the conditional preliminary approval of the Vatheuer Short Plat (SP-06-049). The short subdivision is for 7.76 acres into 2 (two) lots consisting of 3.06 acres and 4.50 acres (0.11 acres for easement). Location: East of Upper Peoh Point Road and South of Groeschell Road, a portion of Section 35, T 20N., R15E., W.M., in Kittitas County, Washington. Tax Parcel Number 20-15-35000-0039. He noted that Commissioner Huston was unable to attend the hearing. He reviewed the appeal hearing procedures as well as a letter and pictures to the Board from Mr. and Mrs. Vatheuer.

SCOTT TURNBULL, CDS STAFF PLANNER reviewed a Staff Report (dated October 27, 2006) including general information, site information, referral parties, appeal elements and issues, staff response & conclusion. He noted a scribes error in the paragraph for referral parties the date shows June 2, 2005 and it should be June 2, 2006. He recommended that the Board uphold the appeal.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN asked for testimony from the Appellant and Proponent. There was no one requesting to testify.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN asked for any interested parties comments. Proponent JIM PIERCE stated he was opposed to this and that they wanted to keep their privacy. (Appellant Hartwig Vatheuer) stated he submitted a letter to the Commissioners and CDS with support of his decision. He stated his neighbor Mr. Bailey was out of town and Mr. Bailey had no issues with the short plat. Mr. Hartwig stated that he has met with the Pierce's to discuss their issues of dust & noise and stated that the trees he has planted will create a good buffer from those concerns. He didn't feel that the concerns were valid giving where
they live the concerns are ones you would have no matter where you lived.

**FINAL ARGUMENTS—**

SCOTT TURNBULL stated he would like to re-emphasize that the short plat has met the requirements and has gone through the necessary steps.

**BOARD DISCUSSION—**

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH questioned the 7.568 acres that was surveyed and asked if that the total with the existing fence line that's been there for 50 yrs? (HARTWIG VATHEUER) stated no that the actual property line that was just surveyed.

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH stated after seeing the photo's that were submitted to the record and along with meeting our code this short plat meets the set backs. He appreciated the efforts made to mitigate any potential interruption and loss of privacy, he stated we don't see that and it's very appreciated.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN stated everyone did what they could to try and not interrupt the neighbors and it's been really nice to work with a group of individuals that has interest in working together and he thanked them for the good faith effort. He stated we have to follow the law and this meets all the law requirements.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN motion to deny the appeal and uphold the administrative decision. COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.