COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2:00 P.M. JULY 11, 2007

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman David Bowen; Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services; Allison Kimball, Assistant Director of Community Development Services; Joanna Valencia, CDS Staff Planner; Scott Turnbull, CDS Staff Planner; Mackenzie Moynihan, CDS Staff Planner; Anne Wantanabe, Applicant; and eight members of the public.

APPEAL HEARING MARIAN MEADOWS CDS

At approximately 2:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a continued appeal hearing from June 28, 2007 to consider an appeal filed by Easton Ridge Land Company, Inc. who is appealing the Kittitas County Community Development Services SEPA Threshold Determination of Significance (DS) issues for the Marian Meadows Rezone (Z-06-35) and Preliminary Plat (P-06-31). Applications for the following: 1. Marian Meadows Rezone, Z-06-35, from forest and range and Rural-3 to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for approximately 520 acres and 2. Marian Meadows Preliminary Plat, P-06-31, which is a 225-lot subdivision on approximately 120 acres. Proponent and address: Anne Wantanabe, authorized agent for Easton Ridge Land Company, landowner, PO Box 687, Roslyn, WA 98941. Location of proposal: North of Sparks Road, East of the Easton Airport and County Drive and Northeast of Interstate 90, within Section 1, T20N, R13E, W.M. in Kittitas County. Parcel numbers 20-13-01000-0002,- 0003,- 0004,- 0005,- 0006,- 0007,- 0008,- 0009,- 0010,- 0011,- 0012,- 0013, and 20-13-12000-0013. He indicated the record was closed.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH called for declarations from the Board; he noted for the record that all Board members were in attendance. The Board had no declarations; CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH stated for the record that all Board members would remain seated.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH reviewed the requests from Ms. Wantanabe on items that were stricken from the record.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN reviewed the information from the staff report, and indicated that there was a lot of very relevant information.
included. He reviewed a letter from Joanna Valencia, CDS Staff Planner dated September 2006, and indicated that staff’s letter covers every aspect of this Appeal and feels that all questions were fully covered. He indicated that he was still comfortable with denying the Appeal.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN explained his learning process of the SEPA appeal he indicated that SEPA process is site specific. He referenced WAC’s pertaining to SEPA and stated he felt comfortable with the original ruling and still felt it was appropriate to deny the Appeal.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH reviewed all WAC’s & RCW’s pertaining to SEPA, and reviewed the staff report. He felt that staff followed the rules. He indicated that the applicant submitted the application and then requested to put it on hold; he stated that is where the problems came into play. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH expressed concern with the lack of communication with the applicant but felt staff followed the rules, therefore he was comfortable with the original ruling and would support upholding the responsible official’s decision and deny the appeal.

COMMISSIONER BOWEN moved to uphold the responsible official’s decision and deny the SEPA Appeal, and directed staff to prepare enabling documents. He noted the Hearing would be continued to the July 19, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium Room #109 Ellensburg, WA 98926. COMMISSIONER McCLAIN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.