COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 2:00 P.M. JULY 7, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Zera Lowe, Deputy Prosecutor; Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor; Jan Ollivier, Planning Manager, Christina Wollman, Planner II, Department of Public Works; Dan Davis, Plans Examiner and Rhoda Chrispin, Lathrop Law Office.

PUBLIC HEARING CTED STARGAZER PROPERTIES FLOAT LOAN COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing continued from June 16, 2009 to consider an application from the Stargazer Properties LLC for Community Development Block Grant float loan funding in the amount of $980,000.00 available through the WA ST Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) via the local governments that qualify under the WA ST Small Cities Block Grant Program. The grant is subject to the applicant’s obtaining a letter of credit, guaranteed against default by CTED, and is being sought to develop a Hyak Market Business Complex at Snoqualmie pass, in contemplation of creating approximately 26 new jobs in Kittitas County. He noted that the record was open.

ZERA LOWE, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR explained that Kenny Spain, CTED representative was unable to attend the public hearing, having been involved in an accident. She had informed Stargazer Properties, LLC that the hearing would be continued and they, too, were not in attendance. She said that the loan would be changing from a float loan to a rural loan and that they needed documentation from CTED. She asked the Board to continue the public hearing to July 21, 2009.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse. The record would remain open. COMMISSIONER JEWELL seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTING MT.BALDY LANE ONTO KCC ROAD SYSTEM DPW
At 2:04 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider adopting Mt. Baldy Lane onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System and to establish a speed zone.

CHRISTINA WOLLMAN, PLANNER II explained that a petition was received from Steve Lathrop representing Thomas Fenz the developer of Turf Trails Plat, requesting that Kittitas County accept this 265 foot extension of a current road in Grasslands onto the County Road Maintenance System. She said that the road ends with a temporary barricade in anticipation of a continued road as the adjoining plat is developed. She said that no road signs are required at this time and that 25 MPH is the appropriate speed zone for this portion of Mt. Baldy Lane.

COMMISSIONER McCLAIN asked if the rest of the roads in the development are on the Road System. MS. WOLLMAN replied that all the roads in Grasslands were on the County Road Maintenance System.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH asked about the barricade. MS. WOLLMAN explained that the barricade was temporary and there was no cul-de-sac because there was only one lot on the road and the adjoining plat was submitted at this time and the road would continue through to it.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH OPENED THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

RHODA CHRISPIN, PO BOX 1088, ELLENSBURG, WA speaking for Steve Lathrop, commented on the cul-de-sac explaining that there was a cul-de-sac a short way down Mt. Baldy Lane at the start of Quartz Mt. Drive.

THERE BEING NO MORE PERSONS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2009-95 ADOPT MT. BALDY LANE PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-95, Adopting Mt. Baldy Lane onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. COMMISSIONER McCLAIN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2009-14 SET SPEED LIMIT ON MT. BALDY LN PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Ordinance No. 2009-14 setting the speed limit on Mt. Baldy Lane at 25 MPH. COMMISSIONER McCLAIN seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTING QUARTZ MTN. DR. ONTO KCC ROAD SYSTEM DPW

At approximately 2:08 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider adopting Quartz Mountain Drive onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System.

CHRISTINA WOLLMAN, PLANNER II, explained that Public Works had received a petition to consider bringing the newly constructed portion of Quartz Mountain Drive onto the County Road Maintenance System. She said that this portion was dedicated as part of the
Turf Trails plat, ends in a cul-de-sac and completes Quartz Mountain Drive. There was no need to set a speed limit as it was already set for the remainder of Quartz Mountain DR.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2009-96 ADOPTING QUARTZ MOUNTAIN DR PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2009-96, adopting Quartz Mountain Drive onto the Kittitas County Road Maintenance System. COMMISSIONER McCLAIN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO TITLE 14 KCC CDS

At approximately 2:10 p.m. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH opened a public hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code Title 14.04.020, Professional Preparation of Plans.

DAN DAVIS, PLANS EXAMINER explained that amendment was needed to bring the Kittitas County Code into compliance with the Washington State law regarding licensing requirements for engineers and architects.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH asked if licensed architects were engineers? He was told that while architects do some engineering calculations, they were not interchangeable for all designs.

THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER MCCLAIN asked if there were any way to be less strict on this matter? BRENT BOTTOMS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR, said that the only way to be less strict on this was to have an engineer on staff.

VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL moved to adopt the Amendment to title 14KCC (14.04.020) Professional Preparation of Plans and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents. COMMISSIONER McCLAIN seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH moved to continue the public hearing to July 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium to consider enabling documents. COMMISSIONER McCLAIN seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0. (Record was closed.)
Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Catherine Dunn  KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Alan Crankovich, Chairman