Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner O’Brien.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Marsha Weyand, Assessor; Deanna Panattoni, Treasurer; Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor and Wayne Nelson.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO KCC 17.13 AND 17.37 CDS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a public hearing to consider amendments to KCC Chapter 17.13 Transfer of Development Rights and KCC Chapter 17.37 Master Planned Resorts.

Jan Ollivier, Transportation Manager, said that in meetings with County staff and title companies, it was agreed to amend the Code to improve the processing and implementation of the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program. She said that they decided to amend the code to clarify how to process the TDR applications; require that lands in the program must be located in Kittitas County; remove the references to UGN’s and eliminate the requirement that a MPR final approve must include TDRs.

Commissioner O’Brien asked about whether Ch. 17.13.030e goes against the use of specific rezones in the Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Deputy Prosecutor Caulkins said that the Growth Management Act refers to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations, but not to site specific rezones and this amendment is not that sort of rezone. There was a further discussion on this question.

Commissioner Crankovich asked if under Ch. 17.13.020 1d, if a parcel has to show a profit or just be actively in Agriculture to qualify. Ms. Ollivier said they just need to be in Agriculture.

THERE WERE NO PERSONS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY SO THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS CLOSED.

ORDINANCE 2011-005 AMEND KCC 17.13 AND 17.27 CDS

Commissioner Crankovich moved to approve and sign Ordinance 2011-005 amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 17.13 Transfer of Development Rights and Chapter 17.37 Master Plan Resorts, as presented. Commissioner O’Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.
Chairman Jewell thanked staff and the departments involved as well as members of the public and title company staff for their work on the Ordinance.

Public Hearing was closed at 2:20 p.m.

At 2:20 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened the public hearing continued from May 17, 2011, to consider resale of Tax Title Property Map No. 16-23-28000-0001. He explained that Daniel Mihalyo had paid the $75.00 fee to bid $2,500 on a parcel located on the Columbia River south of Vantage, WA.

Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor, said the legal description on this parcel is inadequate and the property needs to be surveyed to obtain the legal description.

Chairman Jewell said the public interest is being served by putting this parcel on the tax rolls. He wondered if the Board wished to expend County resources on doing that.

Commissioner Crankovich said he didn’t believe a buyer would be interested in paying over $2,500 for it.

Marsha Weyand, Assessor, showed a line marked “project boundary” on a map and expressed concern over what it might indicate. Commissioner O’Brien suggested talking to Grant County PUD#2. She said she would make some calls regarding the parcel.

Commissioner O’Brien moved to continue the public hearing to August 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Auditorium to discover what Ms. Weyand learned. Commissioner Crankovich seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Catherine Dunn
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