COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2:00 P.M. MAY 16, 2012

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

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Matt Anderson, Facilities Maintenance Director; Friends of the Fair (FOTF): Roylene Crawford, Bill Haberman; Brian Lenz, Becky McDowell; Jerry Jarnagin; Bill Allison and two members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING FRIENDS OF THE FAIR COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened a Special Meeting to discuss with the Friends of the Fair development at the north end of the Kittitas County Fairgrounds.

Becky McDowell, Fair Board Member stated that the Friends of the Fair is requesting authorization to conduct a community review on the 1997 Kittitas County Fairgrounds Master Plan, noting that anyone with a vested interest would be invited to participate. There was discussion on who would facilitate the review. Greg Zempel, Fair Board Member/County Prosecutor reviewed what bid process options were available and what planning would be needed. Becky McDowell indicated that they had been contacted by Shane Scott at the University (CWU) with an offer to conduct the preliminary work and provide a fee schedule to consider as well as an outline of what needs to be done. Then if the County and (FOTF) determine that they want to enter into an agreement for services they would need to formalize that at a later time.

Commissioner Jewell questioned what the desired timeline was for getting the feasibility study conducted.

Brian Lenz, Friends of the Fair reviewed the 1997 process which he was a part was of. He reviewed concerns of the future of the Memorial Park, explaining that there has been a lot of talk that implies there will be changes in the future to that location and would potentially make it unusable for the County Fair (carnival).

Commissioner Jewell indicated that the County would do a press release to invite stakeholders to apply for an appointment on the committee to conduct a review of the Kittitas County Fairgrounds

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Master Plan. Matt Anderson was directed to draft a letter of invitation and compile a stakeholders list. Mr. Anderson & Ms. Becky McDowell were directed to schedule a meeting in two weeks with Shane Scott (CWU) and the Board of County Commissioners as well as any members of the (FOTF). Commissioner Jewell noted that there was a soft deadline of June 15, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**COMMISSIONERS**

At 2:27 p.m. Chairman Crankovich announced the Board would recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. He requested that the members of the Friends of the Fair to stay. No action was anticipated.

At 2:42 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

**DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**

Mandy Robinson

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Alan Crankovich, Chairman