KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY 1:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 30, 2012

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Weed, Administrative Assistant; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Anna Nelson, Van Ness Feldman GordonDerr and approximately 14 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING COMP. PLAN & DEVELOPMENT CODE CDS

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Crankovich opened the Public Hearing continued from November 26, 2012 to consider changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code for the purpose of Comprehensive Plan Compliance. He noted the record was closed.

NEIL CAULKINS, DEPUTY PROSECUTOR indicated he had received an email from Mr. Tim Trohimovich of Futurewise, stating they would support of a 60 day continuance on the compliance effort in light of the Planning Official’s recent accident and him not being available to prepare for the hearing or be in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have. He recommended taking them up on the offer to continue the hearing. He gave options of either closing the hearing and then re-notice it for a later date or they could continue it to another date. He noted Futurewise had also requested a meeting with the County.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to ask for a 60-day continuance of the public hearing. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said he was in favor of the recommendation from Mr. Caulkins and felt it would be awkward for the Board to continue on with the hearing without the Planning Official being in attendance.

COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN expressed his support of a continuance as well. He said with the recent changes in staff during the process and their work load being very heavy, he thought the Planning Official needed to be involved in the entire process.

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CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH explained how he was not trying to avoid making decisions on the issues, but rather he was looking out for the County’s best interest. He felt it was extremely important to have the Planning Official be a part of the entire process. He felt by continuing the hearing it would allow them more of an opportunity to be more thorough in the process and to ensure that it’s being done right.

Motion carried 3-0.

ANNA NELSON, CONSULTANT FOR VAN NESS FELDMAN GORDONDERR, explained how the version that the Planning Commission made their motion on had not been included in the record that was before the Commissioners, although it had been available for the public’s review on the County website. She felt the record should be reopened to allow for that information to be submitted.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH asked if the information that had not been included with the Commissioners materials could be accepted into the record even though the record is closed. MR. CAULKINS said the version the Planning Commission voted on needed to be entered into the record and allow public comment on those documents as well.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to reopen the record. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH said they had not planned on reopening the record and was concerned of how it’s been reopened without the public being made aware of it. He questioned if it would even be appropriate to take comments at this time. MR. CAULKINS indicated the Board could choose to take in written comments but not allow public testimony.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to clarify reopening the hearing to include written comments and to accept documents from the Planning Commission for Chapter’s 2 and 8. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN seconded.

MS. NELSON said there were also maps that had not been provided to the Board of Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN moved to amend the motion to include the maps that were not contained within the record. COMMISSIONER JEWELL seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Vote on the main motion was carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL said he wanted a full record and thought they had one in front of them. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH felt it would be a disservice to make a decision on a record that was incomplete, as there is confusion on what documents had been in front of them. He explained that rather than doing something half way, it’s better to start off fresh with a clean record. He apologized to the public in attendance for the confusion and he thought the Board had a complete record in front of them as well. He said it would be a wasted effort to try and figure out what there is to deliberate on and what they can’t deliberate on.

COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN questioned what the chances would be to get approval of a 60 day continuance. MR. CAULKINS said with the recent experience of asking for an extension relating to water issues and having everyone on board with it, the continuance was granted to allow for additional work. CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH noted the offer for a continuance came directly from the main petitioner, so he felt fairly confident the extension would be granted.

Staff reviewed various maps and other referenced information, as well as addressed some of the public comments that were previously made. Staff continued discussion on items for future docket.

The Board recessed for a 10 minute break at 3:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

County Staff and the Commissioners continued discussion on items for future docket.

CHAIRMAN CRANKOVICH suggested a continuance of the meeting to Monday December 10, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, noting the written record would remain open until Thursday December 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to continue the hearing to Monday December 10, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, noting the written record would remain open until Thursday December 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. COMMISSIONER O’BRIEN seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

(Julie Kjorsvik)

Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich

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