

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

3:30 P.M.

AUGUST 18, 2015

Board members present: Chairman Gary Berndt, Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien, and Commissioner Paul Jewell.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim Planning Director and approximately 20 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL – McDONALD CUP

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At 3:30 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** opened an Appeal Hearing continued from August 11, 2015, to consider an administrative appeal of the issuance of a SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance for the McDonald Conditional Use Permit (CU-14-00005). It was noted the record was closed and the Board had previously made a determination to deny the appeal of the SEPA Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance.

The Board discussed and deliberated on matters relating to the issues raised in the appeal including vesting; water rights and the requirements for water supply; the applicant's license obtained by the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board; location and use criteria needed for marijuana production or processing and relevant developmental standards.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to affirm the appeal filed on the McDonald Administrative Conditional Use Permit CU-14-00005; remand it back to Kittitas County Community Development Services for further processing specific to the findings of inadequacy related to SEPA Conditions I and VIII; the criteria in Kittitas County Code 17.60A.015(3), 13.35 and 17.15.057.1; and Ordinance No. 2014-004; and direct Staff to prepare enabling documents. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** seconded.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL explained the reasons why he felt the CUP did not meet the criteria requirements. **COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** said he had spent a long time learning and reviewing the documents and how he looks to their departments for their expertise. He was also concerned about the domestic water as well. **CHAIRMAN BERNDT** felt the issue has been difficult to sort out from the beginning and the issues could have been covered earlier if there had been a better job of reviewing the application.

APPROVED
9-1-15

Motion carried 2-1 (**COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN** voted against the motion to affirm the appeal).

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Gary Berndt, Chairman