COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 2:00 P.M. AUGUST 16, 2016

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mark Cook, Public Works Director; Lucas Huck, Engineer; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; and approximately 20 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING SPEED LIMIT - NELSON SIDING ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.08.020 - Setting the Speed Limit for Nelson Siding Road at 35 MPH.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR indicated there were numerous residents along Nelson Siding Road who had requested the speed limit be lowered to 35 MPH. The Public Works Department recently obtained additional traffic data over the weekend during the last week of July. In their review they looked at traffic speeds, volumes, access densities, increased development in the area and traffic bypassing I-90. He noted the maximum recorded weekend speeds were 78.1 MPH at the I-90 end and 90 MPH at the Westside Road end. Mr. Cook indicated that at the conclusion of their study they were recommending a 35 mile per hour speed limit to improve safety in the location from Milepost 0.0 at Westside Road to Mile Post 4.37 at Interstate 90.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL noted that if the speed limit were reduced to 35 MPH it would make it eligible for ATV use.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: KIM LOHNES explained how property values were being affected and there are neighbors who are moving out of the area due to the excessive speed limit. She indicated people are aware of the short cut to bypass I-90 when traffic is heavy which creates increased traffic. JADEN LOHNES said there are times when he is at his bus stop and there are cars going faster than the speed limit and it can be scary for him. LINNEA MONTGOMERY explained how traffic at midnight can be just as bad as during the daytime. She expressed concerns with the speed limit and amount of traffic in the area and urged the Commissioners to approve their request. She submitted a Petition signed by various citizens to lower the speed limit. FRIEDA ELLISON said she was the Business Manager for the Cle Elum/Roslyn School District and said the bus drivers are concerned with safety and have experienced people speeding by them even with their stop signs out. THERESA ELLISON expressed safety concerns within the area and said she will not allow her children to go ou

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onto the road because of the high rate of speed and traffic. CINDY MILLSAP encouraged the County to lower the speed limit. She said most of the people in the area use ATV's and they wouldn't have any problems with people riding them on the road as long as the speed limit is lowered to 35 mph. THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ORDINANCE 2016-015 SPEED LIMIT - NELSON SIDING ROAD PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to approve Ordinance No. 2016-015, Establishment of a Speed Zone and the Placement of Speed Limit Signs on Nelson Siding Road and Amending Section 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded.

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ thanked the residents from the Nelson Siding Road area for approaching the County with their concerns and their work in raising the awareness of the traffic speed. COMMISSIONER JEWELL expressed concerns of having speed clocked at 90 mph. He didn't feel that just by lowering the speed limit to 35 mph would completely stop the problems, but hoped with the addition of tools such as speed trailers and extra enforcement it may begin educating people who use the road. CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN felt it was beneficial to have the data collected by the Public Works Department to back up the resident's concerns that have been expressed. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

MINER'S CAMP PRELIMINARY PLAT

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At 2:40 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider the Miner's Camp Preliminary Plat (LP-16-00002).

JEFF WATSON, STAFF PLANNER reviewed a request from Jeff Stubbs, authorized agent for Miners Camp LLC for a Preliminary Plat to subdivide approximately 8.26 acres into a 24 single-family residential lots with Open Space tracts and on a site zoned Master Planned Resort (Suncadia). He said the proposed project was to be done in four phases and create lots ranging in size from .14 acres to .29 acres with five Open Space tracts. All proposed lots are to be served by a community water and sewer systems. He said the application does not appear to be detrimental to the general public health, safety or welfare and meets the basic intent and criteria with Kittitas County Code and its Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed the process of the request and recommended approval with Findings of Fact and Conditions. STEVE LATHROP, ATTORNEY said he had been involved with the project between 16-17 years and he was one of the participants in developing the original Development Agreement. He reviewed the expedited process and the work that had to be done by the applicant in order to get to this step in the application process. He explained they were still in the vesting period which runs until 2030 and as a result they are sensitive to requirements

outside of applicable law for projects in Suncadia. He said he believed the Bond had been deposited today.

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

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve the Miner's Camp Preliminary Plat (LP-16-00002), adopting Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and direct Staff to prepare enabling documents, amending Condition 7 strike "listed" and replace it with the word "applicable". **COMMISSIONER OSAIDACZ** seconded.

COMMISSIONER OSAIDACZ said she was looking forward to what the project will look like in the future. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** said they may want to look at amendments in the future to create better efficiency in the process and opportunities to streamline. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING PERMIT FEE - FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC WORKS

At 3:14 p.m. **CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting a \$50.00 fee for Streamlined Floodplain Development Permit review for Solar Panel deployments on roofs of existing structures previously granted a Floodplain Development Permit.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR reviewed a draft Resolution which would adopt a \$50.00 Floodplain Development Permit Fee for solar panel installation on roofs of an existing structure previously permitted in the floodplain. He said they wanted to streamline the solar panel FDP process and the proposed new fee would be administered "over the counter" for most solar panel deployment proposals.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-107 PERMIT FEE - FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER JEWELL moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-107, Setting a \$50.00 Floodplain Development Permit Fee for Solar Panel Installations on Roofs of Existing Structures Previously Permitted in the Floodplain. **COMMISSIONER OSAIDACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Obie O'Brien, Chairman