

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**March 12, 2018**

**Board members present:** Commissioner Paul Jewell, Chairman Laura Osiadacz, and Commissioner Obie O'Brien

**Others:** Neil Caulkins (PA), Dan Carlson, Stephanie Mifflin, Calvana Carper, Mike Flory, Lindsey Ozbolt, Jeremy Haberman (CDS), Candie Leader, Mark Cook (PW), Rose Shriner (KCCD), Joe Seemiller, John Sinclair, Rich Elliot (KVFR), 23 members of the public, 2 Daily Record Reporters

**Call to Order**

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Chairman Osiadacz

**Discussion Regarding Wildland-Urban Interface Code Defensible Space**

1. It was stated by CDS Director the defensible space provisions in the WUI code haven't been consistently applied in the field and he is seeking a uniform way to apply consistently with provision adopted.

**Comments from community members**

1. Statement from fire adapted community member, "Please uphold the WUI code that has been put into place for the good of our community. As you know, this portion of the WUI Code not only helps to protect property but also creates a safer working space for wildland firefights during structure protection. - Carolyn Berglund, Spark Plug Swuak Valley.
2. Future Kittitas County community member expressed concern with his current property measurements and current code requirements are not feasible in his case.
3. Statement from Kittitas County Fire Chief's Association, "Request for consideration to be given extending additional efforts toward consistent application of code that's in place."
4. Current land-owner attempting to receive Certificate of Occupancy expressed frustration with inspection process and how it would have been less costly for him to know he had to remove trees at the beginning of building process rather than at the final inspection. Suggested that board grant temporary C of O for inside of home and then work with County to work through WUI regulations to avoid not cutting down trees on property.
5. Contractor stated concerns with single map covering entire county. Suggested that a committee sits down have discussion on how to improve mapping system.
6. Chairman Osiadacz would like staff to form an advisory committee consisting of firefighters, building community, and land owners to take a look at individual site analysis to present to the board.

**Requesting Approval of a Resolution to Correct a Scrivener's Error in Resolution No. 2018-037**

1. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-049 to Correct Scrivener's Error in Resolution No. 2018-037. Commissioner Jewell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Update on Draft Solar Regulations**

1. Director Carlson provided a timeline regarding the proposed draft. Commissioner Jewell proposed there be a study session that would involve citizen advisory committee, board of commissioners, and community members.

**Discussion Regarding Lot Coverage in Urban Growth Areas**

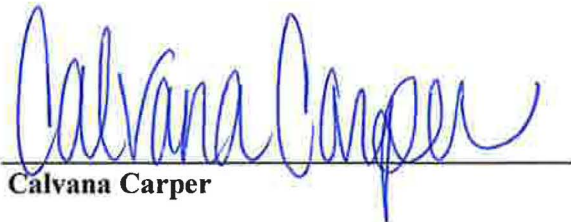
1. The Planning Official stated CDS was directed to look at amending lot coverage in urban growth areas. In the process she has found that there are some inconsistencies in the coverage. Her finding showed that Ellensburg is the only jurisdiction that doesn't have maximum lot coverage. The board suggested the county match the city requirement which the UGA is attached.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m. by Chairman Osiadacz

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Calvana Carper



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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman