

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

9:30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright & Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith. Excused: Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/Project Manager; and Kady Porterfield, Event Center Director.

SPECIAL MEETING

KVEC PARKING LOTS

EVENT CENTER

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting to discuss parking lots at the Kittitas Valley Event Center.

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director/ Project Manager said Central Washington University has drafted a basic design on the large parking area located off of University Way. They would like to have it paved and use it for additional parking for students. She asked the Commissioners for direction, as there's never been an official vote taken to move forward or not on the project.

Commissioner Wachsmith said he was in favor of the project as it was part of the Event Center's Master Plan. Chairman Wright questioned who would be having the underlying control over the project. Commissioner Wachsmith said if CWU were to be lead on the project and bond it, they would obtain a Certificate of Participation. He said he was told the project would be funded through students and not the tax payers.

Ms. Johnson said she would bring back a Resolution at a later date that would allow the project to move forward and have CWU carry the debt if they want. CWU has said there would be different permits available in the parking area (long term versus short term) and they would also be doing all of the enforcement. Ms. Johnson offered to meet with Commissioner Osiadacz and get her up to speed when she returns from vacation. Staff was instructed to schedule a follow up meeting for possibly the week of October 14th.

Ms. Johnson updated the Board on the parking lot located behind the Armory building. She said the only issue is the Ferris Wheel would need to relocate a little during the annual Fair due to the need for drainage space. She said she'd add Fair Board member Greg Zempel to the updates

on the project, as he is in charge of the carnival rides during the Fair. Kady Porterfield, Event Center Director said she didn't think that would be an issue for the Fair Board. The Board indicated if there was money for the project they were in favor of moving forward. The target date to begin the project is early spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Cory Wright, Chairman