

**KITTITAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, January 22, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.**

COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM  
205 W. Fifth Street, Ellensburg

**I. Call to order and introduction of members and staff.**

**Chairman Black** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those present: Chairman David Black, Grant Clark, Kim Green, Larry Fuller, Matt Anderson.

Also present: Staff Planner Scott Turnbull, Public Works Planner Christina Wollman, Public Works Director Brandon Drexler, Public Works Transportation Manager Jan Ollivier, Clerk Trudie Pettit and approximately 2 individuals representing applicants and public interest.

**II. Correspondence** – no correspondence

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Larry Fuller moved to approve the minutes as written. Kim Green seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.**

**Turnbull** stated dates need to be set for the joint Vantage Wind Power Project hearings with the BOCC and would like to set 2 dates in case the meeting runs over the first night.

Members agreed to hold the hearings on March 12 and 13, 2008, at 6pm.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Taylor 14-Lot Performance Based Cluster Plat (P-07-26)**

Chair opened the hearing to Findings of Fact.

**Grant Clark moved to approve the Findings of Fact. Larry Fuller seconded and the motion passed with a 3/0/2 poll of the board with Matt Anderson and David Black abstaining.**

**B. Gleason 14-Lot Performance Based Cluster Plat (P-07-24)**

Chair opened the hearing to Findings of Fact.

**Kim Green moved to approve the Findings of Fact. Grant Clark seconded and the motion passed with a 3/0/2 poll of the board with Matt Anderson and David Black abstaining.**

**C. Fremmerlid 14-Lot Performance Based Cluster Plat (P-07-34)**

Chair opened the hearing to Findings of Fact.

**Kim Green moved to approve the Findings of Fact. Larry Fuller seconded and the motion passed with a 3/0/2 poll of the board with Matt Anderson and David Black abstaining.**

**D. Cameron 14-Lot Performance Based Cluster Plat (P-07-36)**

Chair opened the hearing to Findings of Fact.

**Kim Green moved to approve the Findings of Fact. Larry Fuller seconded and the motion passed with a 3/0/2 poll of the board with Matt Anderson and David Black abstaining.**

#### **E. Public Works Long Range Transportation Plan**

Chair opened the hearing to Planning Commission deliberation and motion.

**Ollivier** stated an updated staff report and comments received from the public were sent to the members.

**Green** asked how they are going to incorporate the public comments into the draft.

**Ollivier** stated most of the comments were not really edits and was hoping that the Planning Commission would give suggested changes.

**Green** stated maybe changing the priority of roads.

**Ollivier** stated they would take a look at each comment and give a response and that could be presented at another meeting.

**Black** asked if any changing of the priorities have been done from the original draft.

**Ollivier** stated no she is looking for Planning Commission suggestions.

**Green** stated she would like to see the comments addressed and see if any changes need to be done.

**Black** asked why roads in the Hyak area were not included.

**Ollivier** stated the consultant that did the analysis took a look at collectors and did not look at all the local roads.

**Fuller** asked about another bridge across the river in Cle Elum and if that was going to be part of the Oak Street interchange.

**Ollivier** stated there is a chapter with coordination with other jurisdictions and that is included and a second bridge has been discussed as a coordination issue.

**Fuller** asked about the County taking over any Forest Service Roads to make improvements.

**Ollivier** stated they did receive a comment regarding taking over Forest Service Roads, and Chapter 5 shows the new corridors and the need for an additional bridge.

**Fuller** stated adding that bridge would take a lot of pressure off.

**Ollivier** stated that chapter addresses the needs.

**Green** asked if these corridors are in any order.

**Ollivier** stated that is correct and this is very conceptual.

**Black** asked about the Forest Service Roads and the communication regarding FS Road 3350.

**Ollivier** stated these particular roads have individual owners and the County does not take these roads on unless they are owned fee simple.

**Drexler** stated they have talked to the Commissioners regarding this issue and generally we don't take these

over unless there is fee simple ownership and the Forest Service has jurisdiction on these roads.

**Black** asked if anything can be done on those roads.

**Drexler** stated developers have been getting individual agreements along with the Forest Service and have been worked out.

**Black** asked if they build to road standards can they be brought on as County roads.

**Drexler** stated no and Forest Service has higher standards than the County because of the heavy truck traffic.

**Black** stated up in Hyak an IRD was done and he does not understand people moving up in areas with no snow removal and in Hyak the snow removal is working really well.

**Black** stated he is disappointed on the little public comment that was received.

**Ollivier** stated with her background typically people are not interested in projects until they are making an impact and was surprised with the disinterest but compared to her past this was quite a few comments.

**Anderson** asked if the Board gave any direction when the plan was sent back originally.

**Ollivier** stated the Board asked for an improved analysis of the logical transportation corridors and more help with the development review process.

**Green** stated she hopes they take a look at the comments like Terra Design and compare them to the draft.

**Ollivier** stated the comments from Terra Design were really helpful and it is hard to crystal ball what development is going to do.

**Anderson** stated this is hard because so much of the budget is depending on the developers and is curious what will happen when a real slow down happens.

**Ollivier** stated some projects benefit the public and that would make sense to move forward with those.

**Fuller** stated a comment was received regarding having stronger wording in the LID's and RID's.

**Ollivier** stated she has never dealt with these and they would be turned over to the experts in the office.

**Black** stated Public Works would be the starting point of these and then the attorneys get involved and does not think these should not be put in the plan and from a draft stand point this is a really good job.

**Ollivier** asked about taking this back and having staff address the comments and any comments the Planning Commission would like addressed.

**Black** stated that would be excellent and we should come back with comments.

**Green** stated she would like the public comment incorporated into the draft to see if they work or don't work and she was appalled at how many County roads that are not posted and they are assumed.

**Ollivier** stated under state law roads that are not posted are 50 mph.

**Fuller** asked to staff to look at Tom Hanson's comment.

**Green** suggested looking at the light rail system.

**Fuller** stated public transportation could be looked.

**Black** stated we will continue the hearing to February 12, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

**Anderson** asked about the guidance or direction on the Transportation Plan from the BOCC.

**Black** stated we will bring back comments to give staff.

**Ollivier** asked to have comments emailed so that they can be incorporated and then mailed out with the packet.

**Black** stated comments need to be in to Public Works by the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is February 12, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Commissioner’s Auditorium.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.**

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Trudie Pettit, Planning Commission Clerk