

KITTITAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 26, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM
205 W. Fifth Street, Ellensburg

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

Chairman Grant Clark called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Those present: Chairman Grant Clark, Leslie Walker, Rob Fraser, Bob Hickey, Brandon Huber and Margaret Sullivan

Those absent: None

Also present: Doc Hansen- Planning official, Rose Shriner- Clerk/CDS Permit Technician, and two members of the public.

II. **Correspondence:** None

III. **Minutes:** None.

IV. **Old Business:** None.

V. **New Business**

A. Growth Management Act Compliance Update

Doc Hansen updated the Planning Commission members on the County's efforts to comply with the Growth Management Act. Amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan and regulations to comply passed on February 11, 2013. There were any amendments to the Planning Commission's recommendations. Hansen discussed some of those amendments. There will be a period until March 5th for appeals about compliance. On April 1st all appeals and arguments will be taken to the Hearings Board. April 2nd, the amendments to the Plan and regulations will take effect unless the Hearings Board rules otherwise.

B. Staff Presentation- Shoreline Master Program & Critical Area Ordinance Update

Hansen explained the purpose of this meeting was to provide information on forthcoming updates to the Shoreline Management Plan and Critical Areas Ordinance. Shoreline Management Plan was adopted in 1975 and is required to be updated. There is access to digital information i.e. aerial imagery and that will be used to update the 1975 Shoreline Management Plan. New Shoreline categories will be designed similarly to the original Shoreline Management Plan and policies will be added to the plan. Shoreline Management Plan is a draft and will not be adopted until June 2014. Hansen briefly described the existing and the updating procedure.

Discussion between staff and the Planning Commission centered around questions of the existing ordinances and planned updates, and issues related to agricultural activities, buffer

requirements and interpretations, what staff will be working on the project, how affected areas are identified, and the expected timelines for activities.

Hansen stated that he suspects there will be more substantial development applications will result from the updated Shoreline Management Plan and indicated that the Commission would be more involved in review of draft documents in the summer. The meetings would be mostly informational. Next year public hearings would occur on the proposed documents. Most of the public doesn't realize that this is an update to an existing plan, and the update is driven by the state.

Bob Hickey inquired about the role of this committee.

Hansen stated that the Commission is expected to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on proposed changes to the ordinances.

Rob Fraser stated that the Planning Commission also disseminates information.

Hansen suggested that the Planning Commission direct people to the planning staff if they have questions or are in a shoreline of statewide significance so that they can be informed about the upcoming meetings and hearings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.