

KITTITAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2016

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM

- I. Chairman Rob Fraser called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.
Those present: Bob Hickey, Robert Martin
Those absent: Brandon Huber
Also present: Planning Official Doc Hansen, Staff Planner Angela San Filippo, CDS permit technician/clerk-Kathy Boots, 15 members from the public
- II. Correspondence: None
- III. Minutes: None
- IV. Old Business: None
- V. New Business:
 - A. Update on Citizen-initiated amendment requests presented by Angela San Filippo
Angela gave updates on two amendment requests followed by a slide show (see attached).
The next step is a press release and continuing to accept public comment until June 30th 2016. The amendments will then be taken to the advisory groups next week to get more input.

Bob Hickey: As a board member can we publically comment or does it go through the board?

Angela San Filippo: After public comment and the advisory group we will bring back to the group a staff report and outline and more formal input can be given at the planning commission meeting in July.

Doc Hansen: This is similar to what has been done before. There will be joint meetings and other meetings for input and be continually updated.

Rob Fraser: These are in consideration along with the 20 year comp plan?

Angela San Filippo: Yes, these are specific to the 20 year plan. Typically the public can provide annual input of specific ideas but it involves a fee. This is an opportunity to submit similar ideas into the comp plan without a fee and engage the public in the process.

Rob Fraser: When we are making decisions on these things like the housing element like NW Justice filed are we taking it as a whole or sentence by sentence or whittling it down or adding to it? How are we doing that?

Angela San Filippo: We will base that on the public comments and recommendations from the group which will be part of the staff report. It is unknown at this time.

Doc Hansen: It's a process. When the report comes back to you, you can make a recommendation that the planning commissions wants to make.

- B. A Draft Vision Statement was presented by Angela San Filippo with slide show (see attached).

Rob Fraser: This is the first time I've seen it. I'm sure I'll have input.

Doc Hansen: You're familiar with the vision statement we have now. A number of changes have occurred. This came as a result of the vision input. Angela will describe the purpose of the vision statement.

Angela San Filippo: The purpose of this is to provide a broad aspiration vision for the county of where we want the County to be in 20 years. What the County will be doing in 20 years. The policies and goals we will go through and develop will help us to get there.

Rob Fraser: We'll go through it paragraph by paragraph

Angela San Filippo: The vision statement is all changed based on the public comment and they did not start with last vision statement. Angela read the draft vision statement.

Rob Fraser: So any changes will come out of group sessions?

Angela San Filippo: Yes

Rob Fraser: It touches on all the bullets of the groups being set up

Angela San Filippo: The advisory groups are land use, economic development, housing, recreation, and transportation

Bob Hickey: Is there a definition for Resource Tourism?

Angela San Filippo: There is not a definition. Resource tourism is farmer's visits, farmers markets, farmer stands. We will work through it in the groups and need to address it.

Robert martin: What about timber in Upper County?

Angela San Filippo: Timber is under working lands, agriculture, and mining

Doc Hansen: The current categories are commercial agriculture and commercial forest not mineral

- C. Advisory group topic areas were presented by Angela San Filippo with slide show (see attached).

Rob Fraser: How are you doing on getting volunteers for this? Is there a good response?

Angela San Filippo: We do have a good response. Agriculture did not respond. It's a real busy time of year. I outreached to them and heard back from a couple of them today. There is a broad representation. The big topic areas are land use, housing, and recreation.

Bob Hickey: Is the draft vision statement on the web yet?

Angela San Filippo: Yes, it is. Angela showed how to find it and will send the link. Any suggestions to the draft vision statement?

Bob Hickey: I'll make suggestions later. Is there a group for LAMIRDS? People that live in Thorp and Vantage and will discuss LAMIRDS.

Robert Martin: I will make suggestions later too.

Angela San Filippo: LAMIRDS will be addressed in the land use group. Members were not asked where they live. I have not heard back from some of the outreach to LAMIRDS. Next week is the advisory group meetings that the planning commission is welcome to come to and see the participation. It will be 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at the Kittitas County Armory Hall. There are about 60 people in all the groups. The times may change for the groups. We will address the meeting times with the signup sheets.

Community Member: I have one question. There is nothing in the vision statement about linguist and cultural diversity in the County. So many people speak the Spanish language and are non-literate. They don't read or write and have an investment and rights at stake. How are Spanish language and the non-literate being involved?

Angela San Filippo: We have meetings where comments can be made verbally. We are open to suggestions. There has not been a lot of participation or interest from that population.

Doc Hansen: This will be brought up and discussed at the advisory meetings.

Angela San Filippo: The advisory meeting is June 21st. The next meeting I will not have anything for you since it is still in the open comment period and the advisory groups will have just started. I propose we skip the next meeting and meet on July 13th.

Rob Fraser: When does this need to be done?

Angela San Filippo: It needs to be finished by June 30, 2017

Rob Fraser: Is there a motion to end the meeting?

Bob Hickey motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Robert Martin seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm