

MEETING MINUTES

Project: Solar Facilities Citizen Advisory Committee: Meeting 8	Meeting Date: March 1, 2018
Facilitator: Dan Carlson	Place/Room: Kittitas Valley Event Center

Committee Members in Attendance: Ivan Manley, Andrea Sledge, Marlene Pfeifer, Steven England, Jeff Dunning, Theo Leonard, Mary Christensen, Scott Downes, Dave Nerpel, Dick Carkner, Howard Lyman

Committee Members Absent: Susie Weis

Staff Present: Dan Carlson (CDS), Chelsea Benner (CDS), Jeremy Johnston (CDS), Lindsey Ozbolt (CDS)

Request for proposed changes to meeting 7 minutes

- No comments or request for changes

Review of new comment submissions

- Comment email from Committee Member Theo Leonard summarized by the author
- Comment letters from Tuusso and Ball Janik summarized by the authors

Review of submitted draft regulations

Staff began a review of the draft regulations submitted by Dick Carkner

- Committee member calls for vote to not review the new draft submitted. The motion is seconded. Vote 6-5 in favor of not reviewing the draft regulations submitted by Dick Carkner.

Review of concerns regarding committee draft regulations: All below changes were brought to a committee vote

- 17.61C.010 Purpose statement; Include “rural character, to comply with the goals and requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act”
 - For: 8
 - Against: 3
 - Abstain: 0
- 17.61C.020(5); Change the definition of Solar Power Production Facility to read “Solar Power Production Facilities or “SPPF” means a utility on an area of land designated for the purpose of producing photovoltaic electricity over one hundred kilowatts (100 KW) and includes, but is not limited to, an assembly of equipment that converts sunlight into electricity and then stores and/or transfer that electricity.”
 - For: 9
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 2

- 17.61C.030(3); use “Tier 3 consists of areas recognized as high-quality agricultural districts dominated by irrigated commercial agriculture” as the description for Tier 3.
 - For: 11
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- 17.61C.040(1); addition of “weed control” as a submittal requirement
 - For: 11
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- 17.61C.040 and 17.61C.020; licensed engineer changed to “Washington State licensed engineer”
 - For: 11
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- 17.61C.040(1)(d); Language added to include analysis of public/private investment review in alternative analysis requirement.
 - For: 9
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 2
- 17.61C.045; previous decision for notification distance was questioned, committee voted in favor 7 to 6 too revote on notification distance. Notification distance expanded from 1320 feet to 5280 feet.
 - For: 9
 - Against: 1
 - Abstain: 1
- 17.61C.050; added language “shall face downward and be shielded,” and “general public”
 - For: 11
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- 17.61C.070(1); added language “Construction or maintenance activities shall not result in the unabated introduction or spread of noxious weeds and other undesirable weed species”
 - For: 11
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- 17.61C.090(1); accept all proposed changes from Dick Carkner’s draft document for this section.
 - For: 11
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- 17.61C.090(2)(a); accept all proposed changes from Dick Carkner’s draft document for this section.
 - For: 9

- Against: 0
 - Abstain: 2
- 17.61C.090(2)(b); accept all proposed changes from Dick Carkner's draft document for this section(bonding requirements).
 - For: 7
 - Against: 2
 - Abstain: 2

Public Comments

- Solar facilities should not be allowed on agriculture lands without a rezone.
- Bonding should be reassessed annually or bi-annually
- Fencing may legally open up neighbors to shared cost if allowed on property lines.
- Property value impacts should be considered.
- Solar facilities are significant and should be limited to brush lands.

Call for final vote on accepting the current committee regulation draft as amended on 3/1/2018

- Vote passes unanimously to forward this draft on to planning commission

Future Meeting Schedule

- No scheduled meetings

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30pm