

KITTITAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 11th, 2014

Umptanum Hall
Kittitas County Fairgrounds

- I. **Chairman Grant Clark** called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Those present: Gary Starkovich, Brandon Huber, Rob Fraser and Grant Clark

Those absent: Bob Hickey, Margaret Sullivan and Leslie Walker

Also present: Planning Official- Doc Hansen, Staff Planner- Jeff Watson, Staff Planner Kaycee

Hathaway, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Neil Caulkins, CDS permit technician/clerk- Rose

Shriner and approximately fifteen members of the public

- I. **Correspondence:** None.

II. **Minutes**

- a. Chairman Grant Clark stated a correction to those present and absent on the minutes for February 25th 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Chairman Clark stated that Brandon Huber was present and Gary Starkovich was absent at February 25th Planning Commission meeting. Chairman Clark also stated that there were two misspellings that he had discussed with the planning commission clerk earlier. Commission member Rob Fraser made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commission member Brandon Huber seconded the motion. **The motion passed with 4-0 vote.**

III. **Old business:**

- a. **Deliberation of Proposal to change Title 17 for Allowance of Growth and Processing of Cannabis in Kittitas County**

Chairman Clark opened for discussion.

Planning commission members indicated that there was clear opinion that the public comments submitted did not want marijuana sold and grown here.

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Chairman Clark questioned the proposal as to why marijuana growth was now limited to 21000 square feet. Staff planner, Jeff Watson, stated that persons seeking license to grow or process marijuana is now limited to on-site growth at a maximum of 21000 square feet now set by Liquor Control Board in response to the high number of applicants that have submitted for license.

Commission member Gary Starkovich questioned staff how the proposal applied to ag and light industrial zoned lands. Watson stated that the uses were identified within the land use matrix as "agriculture requiring security" to indicate whether they recommended activity in agriculture or industrial lands.

Watson stated that the proposal was allowing marijuana growth and processing inside Agriculture and light industrial zoned lands.

Planning Official, Doc Hansen indicated that the commission was under no obligation as to what it recommends, but that reasons other than it was wanted or not should be a factor in their recommendation.

Discussion between the staff and Commission regarding setbacks ensued. Discussion then centered around the pros and cons for allowing marijuana growth and processing.

Vice Chairman Rob Fraser made a motion to move forward to the Board of County Commissioners Agricultural production and processing requiring security with exploring setback rules on non-conforming lot size. Motion was not seconded and motion died.

Planning Official, Doc Hansen, read section II of the staff report into the record.

There was discussion among planning commission members about minimum lot sizes and setbacks for agricultural activities requiring security.

Chairman Grant Clark made a recommendation to move forward to the Board of County Commissioners, staff presentation with amendments the minimum lot size is 10 acres and to require 100' setback on all sides. Vice Chairman Rob Fraser seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Grant Clark made the recommendation for Board of County Commissioners, to not allow agricultural production requiring security in Ag-5 zone designations. Commission Member, Gary Starkovich, seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Grant Clark made the recommendation to move forward staff presentation for agricultural processing requiring security as written. Commission Member Brandon Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.