#### KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



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"Building Partnerships - Building Communities"

## June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Introductions

- Committee members in attendance: John Marvin, Roxanne Brady, Jen Nelsen, Patty Clerf, Marlene Pfeifer, Gabe Ergler, Bill Hansen, Carl Nelson, Lenny Morrision, Guadalupe Huitron
- Other: Dan Carlson(CDS Director), Chelsea Benner (Planner), Paul Jewel (Commissioner), Bret Bures (SCJ), Gary Cooper (SCJ), Hans Shepherd(SCJ)

#### 2. Commissioner

- BOCC terminated the original contract with planner, board felt that the fit was not what they hoped and wanted to make the change early in hopes it will be better for the project down the road
- We expect the final numbers from the department of financial management to be back shortly, the preliminary number qualified us for a 2 year extension on our plan.
- We do not plan on using all 2 years, we are planning to be finished by spring 2018
- BOCC feels strongly that because of our past issues getting into compliance the main goal is to keep us in compliance and do only what we need to do to keep us there
- In reality we have only been if full compliance for a few years so making large fundamental changes don't make sense because we do not yet know how the original changes are effecting our county
- Solar work plan will be separated from the comp plan as to be completed by December per moratorium mandates.
- BOCC would like this group to serve also as the citizen's advisory committee for the solar work plan.
- Series of meetings that would include steak holders and solar representatives, have discussions about issues on both ends
- Multiple no's from group. BOCC will send out press release with application attached, those who were interested are encouraged to apply

## 3. Project status and approach

- Currently SCJ are in a forensic mode, they are getting familiar with the process, and researching what has been done as to make sure past work is represented will in the work to come
- Next step in this process it to start writing the document and putting all the work that has been done into the plan

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- Comp plan can be updated on an annual basis, items that are important and need to be done but may take a longer time frame to complete than we have will go on a docket type plan to be updated later
- Critical area plan will be on its own track; it is on the work list and will hopefully be finished in the next few months.
- Drafts of elements will be presented to group for editing and input
- This is going to be less brainstorming and more putting existing work into the plan

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#### 4. Land use

- There are a lot of goals and a lot of policies, the next step is to sort through the proposed and make sure they belong or are not duplicated.
- Population data? Data has been developed but needs to be added
- Population numbers have been adopted by COG and the BOCC, these final numbers can be found on the webpage.
- ? Will the vision statement be adjusted? Needs to get back to the vision that came out of the advisory groups
- Definition of rural character?
- Existing proposed draft has many overlapping goals and polices with other elements
- "Rural character" chapter was very recently revisited, found to be compliant in 2014.
- Goal "developing policies to support specific issue that exists"

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## 5. Feedback

- Request from group that provided information is up to date and accurate as to avoid sidetrack conversations
- Comp plan discussion regarding vacation rentals, address in comp plan through goals, has not come up before and has never been defined
- Issues that will not be extensively revisited this time around can be documented and added to the future list of updates
- Mineral resource inventory
- Long term forestry designations
- LAMIRD designations? Can we reevaluate high density areas to blanket them as LAMAIRDS?

### 6. Future meetings

- Next meeting will be approximately 6-8 weeks from now
- Then on a monthly basis for the following few months

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7. Public comment: NA