

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**3:30 P.M.**

**MAY 24, 2016**

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: HAHC members: Ed Barry, Nancy Goodloe, David Miller, Jack Frost, and Robin Read; Debbie Myers, HAHC Clerk; and approximately 44 members of the public. Interpreter present.

**SPECIAL MEETING      HOMELESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE      BOCC**

At 3:31 P.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to discuss common goals with the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee (HAHC). Chairman O'Brien introduced new Commissioner Osiadacz to the committee and had the committee and public introduce themselves.

Commissioner Osiadacz who is the new HAHC Chairman said the committee is concerned, and would like direction from the BOCC in how they could help the people who will be impacted with the possible sale of Shady Acres.

Nancy Goodloe said the committee had a lot of questions but no answers. She also said the tentative one year timeline seemed a short period of time and asked if it could be extended. Ms. Goodloe asked about the Homeless Network's possible involvement and said the Network is a large group of providers with broad experiences who would be helpful. Robin Read said the committee members have some expertise and asked if they had a role beyond the traditional HAHC role. She also asked if some of the HAHC funds could be used in this situation.

Chairman O'Brien said the HAHC was put together to assist the BOCC with recommendations regarding affordable housing, the reduction of homelessness, and working on the county's 10 year plan to address these issues.

Vice-Chairman Jewell said regarding the timeline-there is no timeline, and there will be no timeline to close Shady Brook until they have options for safe and affordable housing for everyone. He also said these are good questions and he hopes some of the HAHC funds will be able to be utilized for this situation.

Chairman O'Brien commented that the owners of Shady Brook approached the Commissioners regarding purchasing because the owners were

retiring. He said the park will be sold and if a private party buys it, there are no guarantees on anything.

David Miller asked about redevelopment, city rules and critical areas. Vice-Chairman Jewell said if there is future development there will be a feasibility study and setbacks for critical areas will be considered.

The Board then heard from many community members and residents of the mobile home park with their questions and concerns regarding the possible sale/purchase of Shady Brook.

There was discussion on the consulting firm the county hired to gather information, and that there would be more public meetings before any decisions are made.

Commissioner Osiadacz said the Commissioners are available to meet with anyone that is uncomfortable speaking before the large meeting. When asked, she said they could arrange translation if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

**HAHC CLERK**

  
Debbie Myers

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman