

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

2:00 P.M.

JUNE 2, 2016

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Angela San Filippo, Staff Planner; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim Planning Director; and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING KITTTITAS COUNTY RECREATION PLAN COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. **VICE-CHAIRMAN JEWELL** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the Kittitas County Recreation Plan.

He reviewed the history and explained how there are grant opportunities available but only if the County has adopted a qualifying recreation plan. He indicated the County had advertised to accept applications for the Capital Facilities Program for the Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan (PROS) and Tourism Infrastructure Plans.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JILL SCHEFFER, REPRESENTING FORTERRA AND THE KITTTITAS VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK, reviewed the applications that they submitted for recreational planning and envisioning in Kittitas County. **KATHLEEN HORNER, A COUNTY LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND A MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON STATE HORSE PARK,** urged the County Commissioners to support the proposed plan and their application and to establish priorities with recreational and tourism facilities. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to approve the Kittitas County Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan, as presented. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded.

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ explained that although she agreed with the majority of the rankings, she felt a couple of the applications which were ranked as moderate should be moved to a high priority including the CoalTrax Mountain Bike & Skills Park and the Upper County Coal Mines Trail Master Plan. She also suggested moving the Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park Accessible Playground and the Evergreen Snow Park from a high priority to a moderate priority. She felt the trail system and a bike park were something that would be highly utilized, whereas the Evergreen Snow Park and Irene Rinehart

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Riverfront Park Accessible Playground is marketed towards a smaller audience.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL recommended striking the Teanaway Yakima Rivers as it's duplicated by the Highway 10 Yakima River Recreation Access.

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to amend the previous motion to include the referenced changes to the rankings and deletion of projects to the Capital Facilities Program for Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan. **COMMISSIONER JEWELL** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion carried 2-0 to approve the Kittitas County Recreation Plan.

COMMISSIONER JEWELL thanked everyone who had participated in the process including the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and consolidated groups.

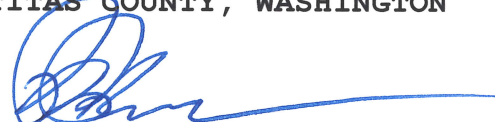
The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman