

**KITTITAS COUNTY
CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

May 26, 2020

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright, and Laura Osiadacz

Others: Lindsey Ozbolt (CDS) and Dan Carlson (CDS)

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

CDS Operations Update

Director Carlson gave a brief overview on CDS operations. Building inspections are currently conducting 25-30 inspections daily. Planners, Plans Examiners, and Code Enforcement are all working from home and the Fire Marshals office have resumed fire life safety inspections. The Pat Nicholson, Fire Marshal is currently working with the Fire Chiefs to set an early burn ban -- no date has been set. Fire Marshal Nicholson will continue to monitor the fire risks.

2020 Docket Discussion

According to the Growth Management Act and the Kittitas County Code you are not allowed to update the comprehensive plan more than once per year, however you are not required to update at all if the department choses. Director Carlson asked the Board of the County Commissioners how many docket items they should bring forward due to the current situation.

SMP Grant

Planning Official, Lindsey Ozbolt stated that the Long Range Planner, Bridget has been reviewing the Shoreline Master Program which is due for update by June 2021. Bridget has worked her way through the preliminary checklist and is pleased to report that there are minimal changes. The Planning Department has the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Department of Ecology. The grant is in the amount of \$84,000 and would help with the cost to update the Shoreline Master Program. One of the requirements of the grant is that there be a public participation plan, with the current times the participation plan has been edited to allow more information to be released to the public digitally.

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Long Range Planning Priorities

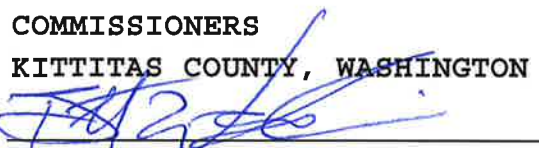
Director Carlson provided an update of some of the Long Range Planning priorities. Some of which include the Shoreline Master Program which is still on track to meet the deadline of June 30, 2021. The Critical Areas Ordinance is currently under review by our consultants and will move forward to public hearing once public hearings are allowed. The Capital Improvement Program is outdated and is due for an update. Director Carlson is exploring virtual options for Department Heads to input their facilities information. He will work with IT to find a solution and report back to the board. Previously, Director Carlson briefed the board with a GIS predicted model. The project would predict certain variables to determine how the County would grow in the future. The Board of County Commissioners gave direction to have the Long Range Planner create a plan of succession with goals and deadlines.

Hairpin Ranch Conservation Easement

Planning Official, Lindsey Ozbolt presented to the Board of County Commissioners associated documents with the Hairpin Ranch Conservation Easement. This will be the second ever conservation easement the county has been involved with. The County does not have any upfront financial responsibility however would be responsible to conduct an annual inspection report that would need to be sent to Forterra. Board Chair Wachsmith moved to approve Hairpin Ranch Conservation Easement and all associated documents as presented. Commissioner Osiadacz seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned 2:05 p.m.


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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman