

KITTITAS COUNTY
CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, WEBEX
Regular Meeting

MONDAY

1:30 PM

September 14, 2020

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

Others: Dan Carlson, Jessica Miller, Toni Berkshire, Community Development Services; Pat Nicholson, Fire Marshal; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorney; Sherriff Clay Myers, Sherriff's Office; Mark Cook, Candie Leader, Public Works; Patti Johnson, Solid Waste; Benjamin West, Airport; and Six (6) Members of the Public.

At 1:31 pm Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Community Development Services Study Session.

Request for Board Direction Regarding Code Amendments Banning Target Practice During Burn Bans

Director Carlson stated that a concerned citizen had approached Commissioner Osiadacz regarding concerns about shooting during a burn ban. Fire Marshal Nicholson stated that he does receive calls regarding concerns about this and has investigated fires that have been cause by shooting whether it be on public or private land. He stated he does not have authority at this time to enforce a ban on private property. Sheriff Myers stated he would like to hear opinions of the public on this topic. A member of the public stated they are the person that initially called the Fire Marshal regarding the concern. They stated this is usually not a concern, but with the current dry conditions it seems an unnecessary hazard. Discussion occurred. Staff was directed to bring this to the BoCC as an agenda item.

Request for Board Direction Regarding Code Amendment Related to Code Enforcement Inspections

Director Carlson stated that currently the Code only allows the Code Enforcement Officer to observe and document properties from the public right of way, consent of the owner or get a search

warrant. Neil Caulkins has compiled draft language for an amendment that Code Enforcement would be able to go up the driveway and ask permission to proceed as long as there is not a no trespassing sign. If owner then says no to having permission, then we would seek a search warrant. It was mentioned that the Assessor's have a very broad ability and authority to enter a property without permission. Director Carlson is looking for direction to draft language and pursue this code amendment. Discussion occurred. Staff was directed to bring to another study session with more information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm

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Jessica Miller



Brett Wachsmith, Chairman