

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

September 12, 2022

Board members present: Chair Laura Osiadacz and Vice-Chairman Cory Wright.

Others: Dan Carlson, Jeremy Larson, Toni Berkshire, Jeremiah Cromie, Steph Mifflin, and Jessica Miller Community Development Services; Mark Cook, Josh Fredrickson, and Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Darren Higashiyama and Chris Whitsett, Sheriff's Office, and two (2) members of the public.

At 1:30 pm Chair Osiadacz opened the Community Development Services Study Session.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS (1 MIN. TIME LIMIT)**

Frank Stanford - Citizen - Commented his concerns regarding the Noise Ordinance and requested for it to be updated to help with consistent dog barking that affects him and his family.

**NOISE ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATION**

CDS DIRECTOR DAN CARLSON shared that this topic is one that the BoCC asked the Planning Commission to review and make recommendations regarding potential changes. The noise ordinance contains an exception for commercial kennels, veterinarians, animal shelters, pet shops and those type of animal establishments and some of those uses are allowed as permitted uses in some of our residential zoning districts. The result of this is that in those areas you have a usage permitted outright and does not get any kind of land use review and it has this potential impact of noise that can't be regulated through the noise ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended that the exception number 20 for those animal establishments be deleted. This would mean that even though they are permitted in these residential districts, they are still subject to the noise control ordinance. The Planning Commission did observe that the standards in the ordinance are a little bit subjective and

difficult to enforce, things like reasonably annoyed or disturbed. They recommend the Board adopt a minimum sound pressure level test to determine an infraction.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT PHILOSOPHY**

CDS DIRECTOR DAN CARLSON stated that Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's office worked together to come up with a philosophy to demonstrate the reasoning behind what we do. The values, mission and vision statements were presented to the Board. The plan is to include this in an update to the website. Next step is to determine and create a priority list including public and environmental safety cases at the top.

**BUILDER OUTREACH**

CDS DIRECTOR DAN CARLSON stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> party review is working well. As a result, questions have come up from the builders and CDS would like to have a meeting with the builders and do some outreach education regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> party plan submittal and electronic submittal during the month of October.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

CHAIR OSIADACZ stated she would like to get an update on predictive mapping, the pre-approved house plans, and vacation rentals in a future study session.

Meeting concluded at 1:55 p.m.



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Jessica Miller

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman