

KITTITAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24th, 6:30 PM

Commissioners Auditorium
Kittitas County Courthouse

- I. **Vice Chairman Fraser** called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Those present: Leslie Walker, Bob Hickey, Gary Starkovich, Brandon Huber, and Rob Fraser.

Those absent: Grant Clark and Margaret Sullivan

Also present: : Planning Official- Doc Hansen, Staff Planner- Lindsey Ozbolt, , CDS permit technician/clerk- Rose Shriner and six members of the public.

- I. **Correspondence:** None.

II. **Minutes:**

a. 7-9-13

- i. Leslie Walker made the motion to approve 7-9-13 minutes. Brandon Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

b. 8-6-13

- i. Leslie Walker made the motion to approve 8-6-13 minutes. Brandon Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

c. 8-14-13

- i. Leslie Walker stated on Pg.1, Section 1, there were 5 members present. On Pg. 4, 2nd paragraph it states a motion passed with 4-0 vote. Leslie Walker stated it should be 5-0 vote since 5 people were present. Bob Hickey made the motion to approve the 8-14-13 minutes with the correction made by Leslie Walker. Brandon Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

d. 8-27-13

- i. Leslie Walker stated that in those absent, Margaret Sullivan was absent but not included in the list of those absent. Brandon Huber made the motion to approve the 8-27-13 minutes with the revision to add Margaret Sullivan to those absent. Bob Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

III. Old Business- None

IV. New Business- Public Hearing to hear public comment upon recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners addressing Annual Docket- 2013.

- A. Planning official, Doc Hansen, read Docket item 1- Hearing Examiner Final Review into the record with an option for the Hearing Examiner to “reconsider” his/her decision regarding error or misunderstanding when requested by anyone on record providing testimony on the land use action being heard.
 - i. Discussion was made between planning commission members and staff about why Hearing Examiners are used and the incentives to use hearing examiners.
- B. Planning official, Doc Hansen, read Docket item 2- Supplemental Dwelling Unit into the record with the amended definition of “Assisted Living Quarters” allowing them to be detached from the primary structure provided it was no larger than 1000 square feet or 50% of the primary structure whichever is less.
- C. Planning official, Doc Hansen, read Docket item 3- Amended definitions and uses to zones into the record.
- D. Planning official, Doc Hansen, read Docket item 4- Administrative Use Permits into the record.
 - i. Discussion was made between planning commission members and staff concerning conditional use permits, definitions and allowable uses.

E. Planning official, Doc Hansen, read Docket item 5- Enforcement into the record in addition to include Title 20 of the Kittitas County Code as an enforceable Title.

- i. Planning Commission member, Bob Hickey questioned the definition of annoy. Planning Official, Doc Hansen stated that you (Bob) can make a motion to change the language.

1. Charlie Sorenson, 1970 Sage Hills Dr, representing herself, stated that it is not in the best interest of the public and it is best to reinstate the Board of Adjustments and live with the decisions.

Debbie Young, 17880 Vantage Hwy, representing herself, that it is disenfranchising to make all decisions based on findings of fact—and prefer Board of Adjustments because people’s opinions need to be heard. She stated that the function of the Hearing Examiner is to not get sued.

David Young, 17880 Vantage Hwy, representing himself, stated that he prefers citizens of the county to make decisions.

Claudia Cummings, 990 Kaufman rd, representing herself, stated that we should have more public comment and are moving away from public accountability.

Terry Lyndberg, 1780 Sunset Rd, representing herself, stated that the fairness doctrine is being violated because they voted on the Conditional Use Permit [PacifiClean] taking the power of the people out of their hands.

Chairman Rob Fraser asked if anyone else would like to speak again, since most of the public had testified. Nobody responded. Chairman Rob Fraser closed public testimony. Discussion was made between planning commission members and staff concerning why the Board of Adjustments was dissolved and current processes with Hearing Examiner and the proposed changes.

A. Planning Commission Deliberation

Leslie Walker motioned to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners on Docketed item 13-01 KCC15A of the staff report with the option for the Hearing Examiner to “reconsider” his/her decision regarding error or misunderstanding when requested by anyone on record providing testimony on the land use action being heard. Gary Starkovich seconded the motion. There was discussion between planning commission members and staff. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Brandon Huber motioned to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners on docketed item 13-02 of KCC Title 17 of the staff report, Accessory Living Quarters with the amended definition of “Assisted Living Quarters” allowing them to be detached from the primary structure provided it was no larger than 1000 square feet or 50% of the primary structure whichever is less. Gary Starkovich seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Leslie Walker motioned to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners on docketed item 13-03 of KCC Title 17 Allowed uses and Definitions of the staff report, as written. Brandon Huber seconded the motion and the motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Leslie Walker motioned to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners on docketed item 13-04, KCC Title 15 and Title 17 ACUPS, as presented. Brandon Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Brandon Huber motioned to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners on docketed item 13-05, KCC Title 18 as presented in addition to include the Fire Code Title 20 as enforceable. Bob Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Rob Fraser motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.