

KITTITAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 26, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM
205 W. Fifth Street, Ellensburg

I. Call to order and introduction of members and staff.

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Those present: Chairman Grant Clark, Vice-Chair Kim Green, Rob Fraser, Brian Cullinane & Brandon Huber.

Those absent: Charlotte Tullos.

Also present: Dan Valoff, CDS Staff Planner, Jeff Watson, Public Works.

II. Correspondence – No correspondence

III. Minutes The meeting minutes for the August 24, 2010 have not been reviewed and will be presented at the next meeting.

IV. Old Business
None

V. New Business

Public Hearing on Open Space Current Use Application

OC-09-00001 and OC-09-00002 Kenneth Mirly

Chair opened Hearing for Staff Presentation.

Public Works Planner, Jeff Watson read portions of his staff report into the record.

Chair opened Hearing for Applicant Presentation.

The applicant **Kenneth Mirly**, did not provide any testimony and asked the Planning Commission if they had any questions.

No questions were asked by the Planning Commission.

Chair opened Hearing for Public Testimony.

No Public Testimony.

Chair opened Hearing for Planning Commission Deliberation and motion.

Kim Green moved to approve the two applications. **Brandon Huber** seconded and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

OC-10-00002 Cascade Land Conservancy

Chair opened Hearing for Staff Presentation.

Public Works Planner, Jeff Watson read portions of his staff report into the record.

Chair opened Hearing for Applicant Presentation.

The applicant, **Jill Arango** from Cascade Land Conservancy gave a brief overview of the property.

Chair opened Hearing for Public Testimony.

No Public Testimony.

Chair opened Hearing for Planning Commission Deliberation and motion.

Rob Fraser moved to approve the application. **Brandon Huber** seconded and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

OC-10-00003 Kronberger

Chair opened Hearing for Staff Presentation.

Public Works Planner, Jeff Watson read portions of his staff report into the record and recommended denial based the application did not meet the criteria.

Chair opened Hearing for Applicant Presentation.

The applicant, **Ryan Kronberger** explained that he was denied Timber Open Space classification that is why he was applying for current use open space. He recently purchased this property and has cleaned it up. His long term plan is to build a house on the 50 acres, and is short term plans are to do nothing with the property.

Chairman Clark, asked the applicant if he believes his application meets the criteria? The applicant stated that he believes he qualifies for scenic views.

Chair opened Hearing for Public Testimony.

No Public Testimony.

Chair opened Hearing for Planning Commission Deliberation and motion.

Kim Green noted that this area is part of winter elk range and could meet some of the necessary criteria. **Rob Fraser** agreed,

Chairman Clark stated that the applicant did a good job in preparing his application and that the criteria was indeed vary vague.

Kim Green moved to approve the application. Brandon Huber seconded and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

OC-10-00004 Anglemyer

Chair opened Hearing for Staff Presentation.

Public Works Planner, Jeff Watson read portions of his staff report into the record and recommended denial based upon the application did not meet the criteria.

Chair opened Hearing for Applicant Presentation.

The applicant, **Deven Anglemyer** stated that he disagrees with staff's recommendation and that he believes he meets the criteria.

Chair opened Hearing for Public Testimony.

Bruce Lachney, 7312 385th St. East, Eatonville WA, testified that this area is in a wildlife corridor and it meets the criteria.

Chair opened Hearing for Planning Commission Deliberation and motion.

Kim Green believes that there is currently 18 acres under Timber Open Space protection and meets the criteria based upon the testimony.

Rob Fraser indicated that it is a close call on the criteria and would err on providing open space and was in favor of granting approval.

Kim Green moved to approve the application. Rob Fraser seconded and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

Chair opened Hearing for Findings of Fact.

Kim Green moved to approve the Finding of Fact for Open Space Current Use Applications based on the decision of the Planning Commission and directed staff to prepare Findings of Fact for the Chairman's signature. Brandon Huber seconded and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.