

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz. Excused: Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Lindsey Ozbolt, Planning Official; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Mark Cook, Public Works Director/Interim Engineer and approximately 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

FEE SCHEDULE

CDS

At 2:02 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider the 2019 Community Development Services Fee Schedule.

DAN CARLSON, CDS DIRECTOR provided a Staff Report and said the proposed fee model was based on their current Department Staff, expenditures, and valuation data. He reviewed proposed fees which were divided into three categories including Building Permit Fees for New Construction; Fees for Building Fixtures; and Fees for Planning Services.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: ANNA LAEL, DISTRICT MANAGER OF THE KITTTITAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT spoke of the Volunteer Stewardship Program (VSP) Watershed Group. **KEVIN ESLINGER, FARM BUREAU BOARD, KR D, ESLINGER FARMS, VSP BOARD,** spoke regarding the Volunteer Stewardship Program. **THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ moved to adopt the proposed Fee Schedule for Community Development Services and to direct Staff to prepare enabling documents for the Boards consideration. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** seconded.

CHAIRMAN WRIGHT moved to amend the motion to exempt fees for Volunteer Stewardship Program applications including the Shoreline and SEPA Checklist Fees. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion carried 2-0 to adopt the CDS Fee Schedule, as amended.

APPROVED
3/5/19

At 2:25 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Potential Speed Limit reduction on Umptanum Road and to Amend Sections 10.08.020 and 10.08.030 of the Kittitas County Code.

MARK COOK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/INTERIM ENGINEER provided a Staff Report and said they received a request to reduce the speed limit on Umptanum Road from MP 0.75 to MP 2.68, due to safety concerns resulting from increased traffic. He reviewed the results of a speed study which was conducted in the late fall of 2018.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **TOM CHINEY** agreed with the Public Works Department but said there were some conflicting usage and that 35 mph maybe a little too low of a speed limit. He questioned if there was possibly another alternative. **ROB ACHESON** spoke in favor of the speed reduction and urged the Board to support the request due to excessive speed and additional traffic in the area. **SUSAN ACHESON** felt there were a lot of circumstances that support lowering the speed limit including more pedestrian and bike use on River Bottom Road near Dammon School. **PHYLLIS WEDDINGTON** said there has been significant change in the area over the years and with the increased traffic 50 mph is now too fast for vehicles. **ED DIDIER** felt the 50 mile per hour speed limit was excessive for the amount of traffic - he said there were a lot of deer in the area too. **STEVE HATFIELD** said they have a sight problem when coming out of their driveway and recommended approving a speed limit of 35 mph to where Umptanum road crosses the west side ditch. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

CHAIRMAN WRIGHT moved to leave the speed limit as is and to table the issue until alternative solutions have been explored on how the road is to be used based on the Engineers recommendation and public testimony shared at the Public Hearing. **COMMISSIONER OSAIDACZ** seconded.

COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ felt it can be difficult to enforce speed limits but wants to ensure safe traveling for the various uses. She said she was not opposed to reducing the speed limit, but wanted to make sure people would be adhering to it and would like to help find a solution.

CHAIRMAN WRIGHT said he understands the concerns but without the Engineer's support right now it maybe a little premature without further study and community input. The Board said they'd be interested in creating a task force to look into similar roads. Motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

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Cory Wright, Chairman