

It was M/S by Commissioners Cooper and Vik to approve Shoreline Permit No. 2007-2-8 with the conditions outlined in CREST's report. Carried.

Subdivision Application Permit No. 2007-2-8 submitted by Wallace and Ruth Kaste. The project is located at 366 E Little Island Road, Cathlamet, Washington and referred to as Heron Landing.

Permit Coordinator Chuck Beyer presented his staff report regarding this subdivision. Beyer explained the applicants are intending to develop a 17 lot subdivision for residential use. Individual lots shall be served by on-site septic systems and a public water system. Beyer asked the commission to review and consider two items:

1. Is the subdivision sited, designed and constructed to preserve and enhance views, natural features and resources and be compatible with the aesthetic values of the area?
2. Whether the subdivision needs innovative land development techniques such as planned unit developments, clustering of units and townhouses at suitable locations, should be encouraged over traditional single-lot subdivisions in order to more effectively utilize land resources and public services, provide for diverse housing opportunities, and preserve unique or sensitive areas as open space.

Beyer indicated the request for a waiver to the dead-end road standard is being reviewed by county counsel. No opinion has been received to date.

Beyer presented each of the commissioners with a copy of a late comment letter received from Pam Sesar. Said letter was reviewed and entered of record.

Public Comment:

Kimberly Howell addressed the commission and read a letter previously supplied to the commission with additional comments. Their property is adjacent to Lots 11 and 12 of the proposed subdivision. They are not opposed to the subdivision, but ask that the Kaste's supply the county with an engineered drainage plan before final approval of the subdivision. A discussion was held concerning drainage issues on the property.

It was M/S by Commissioners Frederickson and Vik that all drainage water issues shall be handled within the subdivision. Carried.

Blue Trott addressed the commission with her concerns regarding the drainage ditch between her property and the Kaste's as it was not indicated on the plat map. No action was taken.

It was M/S by Commissioners Parker and Vik to accept the application with the amended conditions. Carried.

Other Business

A discussion was held concerning the rotation of the chairperson position. Chairman Irving had no objection to the rotation. After discussion, no action was taken.

Chairman Irving called for a discussion concerning the issue of the “Appearance of Fairness Doctrine.” The law requires recusal not because those people are necessarily biased, but because the public is entitled to government that not just is fair, but also looks fair.” Irving pointed out that according to the Open Public Meeting Act, planning commission members cannot have a private meeting to discuss issues coming before the planning commission. Tom Doumit, attorney for the Kaste’s and a County Commissioner indicated he will recuse himself from voting on this issue when it comes before the Board of County Commissioners.

Beyer informed the planning commission there will no meeting in May due to staff scheduling. Chairman Irving signed a Change of Meeting Notice. The next planning commission meeting will be Wednesday, June 20, 2007.

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Chairman Irving adjourned the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Marsha LaFarge, Secretary

Terry Irving, Chairman