MINUTES

KITSAP COUNTY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
Administration Building - Commissioners Chambers
July 24, 2012 2:00 PM

These minutes are intended to provide a summary of meeting decisions and, except for motions made, should not be relied upon for specific statements from individuals at the meeting. If the reader would like to hear specific discussion, they should visit Kitsap County’s Website at http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/community_plan/Gun_range_ordinance/grosp.htm and listen to the audio file (to assist in locating information, time-stamps are provided below)

The Kitsap County Review Committee Meeting KCC 10.24 met on the above-stated date at the Kitsap County Administrative Building Commissioner’s Chambers, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA

Members present: Gary Simpson, Larry Keeton, Linda Paralez, Karanne Gonzalez-Harless, Jim Sommerhauser, Brad Smith and Doug O’Connor

Staff present: Jeff Rowe, Heather Adams and Committee Secretary Karen Ashcraft

2:02

A. Welcome comments by Sheriff Steve Boyer

2:15

E. Larry Keeton stated in 2011 the Board of County Commissioners requested the Department of Community Development to draft an update Ordinance to Kitsap County Code Title 10. Title 10 is the ordinance for public peace, safety and morals. This ordinance will be an addition to Title 10.24. Initially a stakeholders group was established consisting of members of the various gun clubs and Kitsap County citizens.

2:17

F. Discussion is held regarding Public Input and Public Information.

Action Item: Staff will receive written public comment. Staff will create a matrix one week prior to the next meeting for the Committee’s review. The matrix will be on the web site. The next meeting is scheduled on August 1st for gun club site visits. Public comment will be received at the August 15th meeting.

2:22

A motion is made by Doug O’Connor and seconded by Brad Smith to include the President of Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club to sit as a voting member of this committee.
Discussion is held regarding the ability to include the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club as a member of the committee; according to the Ordinance the members are established.

Doug O'Connor amended his motion to include the President of Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club as a participating member and their vote would be advisory.

Action Item: The motion is tabled until the KC Department of Prosecutors has reviewed the motion.

2:28

A motion is made by Brad Smith and seconded by Doug O'Connor that this committee be given the opportunity to visit all of the gun ranges in Kitsap County and review those gun ranges in person along with the law enforcement ranges. Also, I would like to be given the opportunity to take this (proposed Ordinance) before our own council, club and our own board to really review this more thoroughly. I would like to ask the board (Committee) to consider a motion that we suspend this process for at least 30 days; to give us the opportunity to visit the ranges and to give us the opportunity to review this document thoroughly so we can make proper input.

Discussion is held regarding the goals and expectations of site visits. Also, a site visit is just that a site visit not a time to pitch the facility. The Committee will not make site visits to facilities that the Ordinance will not regulate. Site visits of the facilities should show the safety perimeters incorporated in the use of weapons.

Discussion is held regarding two separate motions in Brad Smith's initial motion. The first motion is to allow KRRC to have more time to review the draft Ordinance. The second motion is to have the Committee make site visits to various gun ranges.

Discussion is held regarding the necessity of visiting sites that this Ordinance will not regulate, i.e. incorporated cities or military ranges or law enforcement ranges.

Action Item: Review if Law Enforcement ranges are affected by this Ordinance.

Discussion is held regarding the "Best Management Practices" for the various gun ranges. In making a site visit Committee members will learn about the operation, safety perimeters, and the construction of the various facilities.

2:41:31

A motion is made by Brad Smith and seconded by Doug O'Connor for the Committee to do site visits to the various gun range facilities in unincorporated Kitsap County.

Larry Keeton asks if the committee will also visit the adjacent property owners of the various gun club sites.

Part of this Ordinance is to protect the public, as such, do we visit their properties and listen to the noise created by the adjacent gun range. The Committee needs to be aware that if an adjacent neighbor request the Committee visit their property its, "Equal opportunity under the Law." Cities are exempt from this Ordinance and that includes law enforcement sites.
Brad Smith stated that the neighbors are not being regulated, but the gun ranges will be. Also, he doesn’t think there has ever been a noise study done by an adjacent property owner.

2:46:05
Jim Sommerhauser made a motion to table the site visits until we get input from County legal. What gun ranges would this Ordinance effect.

Discussion is held regarding not to table this motion.

Jim Sommerhauser has a question to the motion he is trying to table. I would be willing to amend my motion to visit all of those ranges in unincorporated Kitsap County, privately owned ranges and to do those immediately and to get input on any other ranges. I will withdraw my motion to amend.

Brad Smith stated that if in the future to include the other ranges, I would be agreeable to that.

Jim Sommerhauser withdraws his motion to table. The amended motion is for the Committee to visit Kitsap Rifle and Revolver, Poulsbo Sportsman’s Club and Bremerton Trap and Skeet gun ranges.

The Vote:
Yes: 6
No: 1
Motion carries.

2:49:30
Chair Simpson: Another motion is on the floor to suspend the meetings for 30 days.

A discussion is held regarding the suspension of Committee meetings for 30 days.

2:55:49
Jim Sommerhauser: Amended the motion to read August 1st meeting be scheduled for site visits. Close the record written input from the public on August 9th and staff will have a comment matrix available for review by the Committee on August 15th meeting.

Linda Paralaz seconded the amended motion.

The Vote:
Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion carries.

3:00:15
Chair Simpson stated August 1st will be the site visits, the written record will close on August 9th with a comment matrix prepared by staff for August 15th meeting. At the August 15th meeting, the Committee will take public comment.

Chair Simpson requests input on how to receive public comment. Also, what are our goals during site visits?

Linda Paralaz suggested a sign in sheet if the person wants to testify and allow three minutes per person for their comments.
Brad Smith suggested that we schedule the August 15th meeting in the evening to allow the public to attend.

Jim Sommerhauser suggested the August 15th meeting start at 6:00 pm. Starting with the review of the comment matrix and then the public input.

Chair Simpson requests suggestions of what the Committee would like to see at the site visits.

Linda Paralaz suggested the Committee see the design, operation with safety plan, management plan and maintenance plan.

Jim Sommerhauser suggested a short time of observing actual shooting and a time for non-shooting for down range review.

Discussion is held regarding the result of the impending Ordinance on the operations of the gun ranges.

Discussion is held regarding the legality of a meeting of the Committee at the various gun ranges.

3:15:16

A motion was made by Chair Simpson and seconded by Doug O’Connor to make a checklist of what the Committee observes at each gun range.

The Vote:
Yes: 7
No: 0
Motion carries.

Discussion is held regarding the impending August 1, 2012 site visits and time.

Tom Hamilton from Bremerton Trap and Skeet will open the gun range for the Committee visit.

Time of Adjournment: 3:22:12

EXHIBITS:
A. Agenda with attachments

MINUTES approved this _____ day of _______ 2012.

Gary Simpson Committee Chair

Karen Ashcraft, Secretary

Upcoming Review Committee Meeting
- August 1, 2012 Gun Range Site Visits
- August 15, 2012 at 6:00 pm BOCC Chamber