Kitsap County Review Committee Meeting KCC 10.24 – September 26, 2012

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KITSAP COUNTY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
Administration Building - Commissioners Chambers
September 26, 2012 6:00 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: Deputy Sheriff Gary Simpson, Linda Paralez, Karanne Gonzalez-Harless, Jim Sommerhauser, Brad Smith, Doug O’Connor and Jeff Rowe

Staff present: Heather Adams and Committee Secretary Karen Ashcraft

6:02:21

A. Comments from the Chair Simpson
In Larry Keeton’s absence, Jeff Rowe is his designated representative.
He thanked Linda Paralez for facilitating the meeting on August 15, 2012.
The August 15, 2012 meeting was for public comment; no business was conducted.
This is a working committee with advisory status only to the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Approval of July 24, 2012 minutes
A motion is made by Jim Sommerhauser and seconded by Linda Paralez to approve the minutes as presented.

The Vote:
Unanimous
The motion carries.

C. Approval of August 15, 2012 minutes
A motion is made by Linda Paralez and seconded by Jim Sommerhauser to approve the minutes as presented.

The Vote:
Yes: 6
Abstain: 1
The motion carries.

D. Outstanding Motion
6:07:44
A tabled motion from the July 24, 2012 meeting was:
A motion by Doug O’Connor and seconded by Brad Smith to have the President of Bremerton Track and Skeet Club sit on this Committee and be a voting member.
Doug O'Connor amended his motion to include the President of the Bremerton Track and Skeet Club to sit on the Committee and their vote would be advisory.

The motion was tabled until it was reviewed by the Kitsap County Prosecutors Department. This motion can now go forward. The representative can sit on the committee but as an ex-officio member and a non-voting member.

6:08:51
The amendment to the motion a second time by Doug O'Connor and seconded by Jim Sommerhauser that the President of the Bremerton Track and Skeet Club be a participating member of this advisory Committee recognizing that they can advise us of their thoughts but may not vote.

Discussion is held regarding the need for the BTSC member to be able to vote since the club will be regulated by this ordinance.

The Vote: Numbers of the vote?
Unanimous
The motion carries.

6:13:11
Tom Hamilton, President of Bremerton Track and Skeet Club is welcomed to the Committee.

6:14:09

E. Re-cap of Range Site Visits
Chair Simpson recapped the meetings of the Committee. Initial meeting on July 18, 2012 was postponed to July 24, 2012. A motion was made to include a representative of Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club and was addressed at this meeting. A motion was made for the Committee members to visit three of the Gun Ranges in unincorporated Kitsap County. A motion was made to receive written comments until August 9, 2012 and oral comments at August 15, 2012 meeting. The members of the Committee made a site visit to the three existing gun clubs. Each member observed the following items: Safety Plans, Operating Plans, Maintenance Plans, Hours and Dates of Operation, Weapon Restrictions, Communications, Membership Requirements (including dues, background checks, orientation, applications, enforcement of rule breakers and annual requirements), Shooting Areas’ were reviewed for type of shooting areas, descriptions, noise assessment, noise abatement, defined uses and target uses, Training Education (type of education provided), Storage of Hazardous Materials and Non-Hazardous Materials, Training Equipment, General Supplies. We asked questions about fire and law responses. We looked at Parking Issues, transition of participants entering and exiting the range, if there was or wasn’t a spectator areas, and provision for guests of non-shooting members. We asked if there was a Managing Officer, Safety Officer, Fencing and Safety and containment of the facility, Signage of the Facility, Animal Control (domestic or otherwise), Competition or Special Events Management, Public Health regarding food/restaurant, restrooms and equipment cleanliness. Projectile protocol for misfires and stray projectiles and corrective measures if this occurred. Each Committee member could add their own personal observations.
Doug O’Connor suggested adding an agenda item for New Business. Chair Simpson added New Business to the agenda before proposed future meetings.

F. Discussion of Written Input/Oral Comments
Discussion is held regarding the oral and written comments received from the public.

A motion is made by Brad Smith and seconded by Doug O’Connor to open up the oral and written comments for the duration of this process.

Discussion is held regarding the importance of receiving the oral and written comments from the public. The Committee is given an explanation of the process of public comment.

An amendment to the motion by Jim Sommerhauser and seconded by Doug O’Connor to allow written comment through close of business on October 18, 2012 and to allow additional public comment at our meeting that is tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2012.

Discussion is held regarding the two tentatively scheduled meetings on October 10, 2012 and October 31, 2012. The Committee will take additional public comment on October 10, 2012 and allow written comment through October 18, 2012. Staff would then complete an additional Matrix of the written and public comment.

An amendment to the amendment is made by Jim Sommerhauser and seconded by Doug O’Connor to meet on October 31, 2012 for oral comment, after making public notifications of the date for closing written comments will be close of business on November 8, 2012.

Work Study would be scheduled for November 14, 2012 with staff providing us a synopsis of the oral and written comments in a Matrix. Staff would make normal Work Study recommendations from the Matrix, and the Committee could start deliberations.

Chair Simpson requested the November 14, 2012 date be removed until future meeting dates are determined.

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

A motion is made by Brad Smith and seconded by Doug O’Connor for the Committee to visit the Bremerton Police Department Shooting Range. It’s because of the type of range and the type of training that they do that is different from two of the three ranges that we have already visited.

Discussion on this motion will be held under New Business.
G. Discussion of Written Input/Oral Comments

Discussion is held regarding written and oral information. Linda Paralez suggested the matrix (provided by staff) be separated by types of comments, i.e. noise, ammunition and so on. Doug O’Connor suggested an overview of the Ordinance not line by line.

Action Item: Matrix will be completed by the November work study meeting. The next meeting date will be determined at the October 31, 2012 meeting.

H. New Business:

A motion is made by Brad Smith and seconded by Doug O’Connor for the Committee to visit the Bremerton Police Department Shooting Range. The purpose is to establish “Best Practices” and compare the safety procedures and physical safety measures of a professional range and civilian ranges.

Discussion is held regarding the availability of the BPDSR to visit (by the Committee). Review of this range would show the Committee how a publically owned and operated range is managed.

The Vote:
Yes: 4
No: 2
Abstain: 1
The motion carries.

Action Item: Staff will make arrangements to visit the Bremerton Police Department Shooting Range.

The ad hoc Committee member will voice his opinion prior to future votes.

A motion is made by Doug O’Connor and seconded by Karanne Gonzalez-Harless for the Advisory Committee (which is us) appeal to the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners to make an emergency amendment to the current Gun Range Ordinance to admit Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club as a full voting member to this Committee.

Discussion is held regarding that Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club will be regulated under the new Gun Range Ordinance.

A motion is made by Doug O’Connor and seconded by Karanne Gonzalez-Harless appeal to the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners to make an amendment to the current Ordinance to admit the Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club as a full voting member. Our purpose is to allow Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club to fully participate in the current amendment process.

The Vote:
Yes: 7
No: 0
The motion carries.
Action Item: Staff will draft an emergency amendment to the current Ordinance to present to the KC Board of Commissioners.

7:04:17
A motion is made by Brad Smith and seconded by Doug O’Connor that an economic study be done to determine if the rural or existing ranges can survive economically if this Ordinance is passed as written.

Discussion is held regarding how the proposed Ordinance is going to impact the Gun Ranges.

Discussion is held regarding whether the proposed Ordinance will have SEPA (Environmental) review.

Action Item: Staff will check with legal to see if SEPA is required on the proposed Ordinance.

The Vote:
Yes: 1
No: 6
The motion fails.

7:10:01
I. Proposed Future Meeting Schedule
Discussion is held regarding future meetings.

J. Good of the Order
Doug O’Connor suggested the Committee review the letter he submitted from the Poulsbo Sportsman Club.

Discussion is held regarding e-mails from Interested Parties that were submitted to the members of the stake-holders committee and the need to incorporate those e-mails into this Committee’s Matrix.

Action Item: Staff will contact the public that submitted comments to the stake-holders committee to re-submit their comments to this Advisory Committee.

Action Item: Staff should get an analysis from Kitsap County legal regarding Gig Harbor Sportsman Club versus City of Gig Harbor decision and how that decision applies to this Ordinance.

Chair Simpson requested that all information be shared equally with each Committee member by submitting the information to Heather Adams in the Department of Community Development.

Action Item: Staff will get the regulations for the Paul Bunyan Club regulations and the City of Puyallup or County Code in relationship to the Paul Bunyan Club. Also, a Land Use Decision with the regulations.

Discussion is held regarding references to maps discussed during the August 18th meeting.

7:25:56
A motion was made by Jim Sommerhauser and seconded by Brad Smith to close the meeting.

Time of Adjournment: 7:25:57

EXHIBITS:

A. Operational Shooting Permit Ordinance – Comment Matrix with Attachments

MINUTES approved this _______ day of ________2012.

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Gary Simpson Committee Chair

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Karen Ashcraft, Secretary

Upcoming Review Committee Meeting

• October 31, 2012 at 6:00 pm