

SUMMARY

PDR Oversight Committee Meeting 6975 Hannegan Rd. Lynden, WA

April 27, 2007

Members present: Veronica Wisniewski, Rod Erickson, Doug Dostal, Barbara Dykes (via phone); Staff: Kraig Olason, PDS, Becky Boxx, PDS; Guests: John Gillies and Henry Bierlink.

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Review of Minutes

The January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. Five-Acre Exempt Lots Response

The Committee reviewed the memo from Royce Buckingham in request of a decision regarding the legal status of the five-acre exempt lots located within the Agriculture Zone.

4. Round V Applicant – Howard Holz

The Committee reviewed an aerial photo of the site which is 40 acres in size. The parcels are zoned Agriculture unlike past purchases.

Kraig had an application in the file from the Guide Nursery which he will follow up on.

5. Round IV Progress

Roger Bajema has withdrawn his application. The committee reviewed a letter Kraig will send to him regarding the withdrawal.

The Dickson property has been approved by the County Council and the paperwork is moving forward. The County is getting matching funds from the State for this purchase. The issue regarding the mineral rights on the property was resolved.

The other applicant, Joneli, withdrew from this round after receiving the appraiser's value estimate.

The committee authorized Kraig to send Herm Joneli a letter that acknowledges Herm's withdrawal from the program.

There are four applicants that Kraig will move forward with to get appraisals done. They are Maberry, Ebe, Groen and Holz.

6. TDR Presentation

Kraig gave an overview of the TDR presentation which was very successful.

7. Agricultural Land Work Program and PDR Participation

The committee reviewed maps of the target areas north of Lynden. Discussion regarded the amount of acreage and the value of the properties. Kraig estimated that only 40% of the land could even be purchased and that most people don't want to get involved in the program.

The committee discussed how the PDR program works in conjunction with all of the other programs out there and that it is only one tool in the whole process.

Henry stated other groups are interested in taking over the PDR program because the County doesn't have the resources to do it.

Kraig stated there is grant money that needs to be used before September 2007 so he would like to have at least one or two purchases completed by then or the money will be lost.

No date was set for the next meeting.

Signed,

**Rod Erickson, Chair
PDR Oversight Committee**