



Airport Technical Advisory Committee

Commissioners' Hearing Room

August 15th, 2012

9:00 am

Those in attendance: Roy Skelton, Harlan Warner, Jim Detro, Chris Branch, Bob Jandefur, Kurt Danison, Ralph Malone, and Chris Johnson.

Okanogan County Planning staff present: Director of Planning Perry Huston and Planner 1 Dalana Potter.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Perry Huston, Okanogan County Director of Planning and Natural Resources.

Perry reviewed the agenda and added staff funding reporting and the idea of sending a transmittal letter to cities to guide their review of the Airport Public Safety District draft in his introduction.

Funding for Dalana Potter to continue working on this project has been extended. There should be an anticipated lapse between renewing her employment contract to allow for budget amendments and drafting of an employment resolution. The committee understands it may take a few weeks before Ms. Potter will be able to rejoin the project.

To Perry's suggestion of a transmittal letter accompanying request for cities' reviewing the County's efforts to create safety zoning around airport facilities, the committee brainstormed some general guidelines:

- Protect airport facilities while minimizing impact to property owners' rights.
- Keep the outer boundaries of Zone 5 Airport Influence Area, as defined by FAA, as the suggested zoning district boundary.
- Keep 5 zones and customize how they apply around each airport facility with maps.

Reviewing the Airport Public Safety District draft notice of airport operations followed this discussion and raised questions such as when and who will be notified, and in what way the notifications will be distributed. It was decided by the committee to record a plat notice against titles, inform banks and realtors to include on the form for purchasing property, and to have the local newspapers publish a notice with maps to inform neighboring residents.

Revisions to the notice section were many. Firstly, definition of “title notice” should be included in the definitions sections. Secondly, the current draft explains the extent of affect in terms of significant, moderately, and minimally, which the committee would like changed to specific language of how lands are impacted in each zone. Also, the addition of the reasoning to why landowners are being notified and why they are waiving their rights to object to current legal aircraft operations was suggested. In regards to the list of airport operations protected by this notice, the list is to be replaced with an explanatory paragraph stating operations are protected 24/7. Lastly, the committee felt the notice would be better accepted with a change tone from what is limited to what is protected and why, with the intent of creating a more positive message.

Non-conforming uses and lots were also of discussion. The revision involving this section was to clearly state vested legal uses or lots which began prior to this ordinance are grandfathered in.

The committee reviewed the administrative review process created as an alternative to a Conditional Use Permit. A suggestion was made to include a “reasonable use expectation” parallel to what exists in Critical Areas Ordinance. The committee also discussed changing the criteria from a use basis, with the reliance on the District Use Chart, to a performance based process with the creation of a checklist similar to Planned Developments. Brainstorming for the criteria checklist included uses not listed in general prohibitions, the requirement of signing an airport operations notice, and filing with the Federal Aviation Association. There was no clear consensus about these ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am. The next meeting is scheduled for August 29th, 2012 in the Commissioners’ Hearing Rm of the Grainger Bldg.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dalana Potter
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