

5-10-16 Rec'd from Carol Levanen - RUT
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May 10, 2016
For the Public Record and Comp Plan update

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has reviewed the 2016 Comprehensive plan Public Record Index and minutes of the February 16, 2016 Clark County Councilor hearing. CCCU requests that all of the testimony contained in those minutes be carefully indexed into the Record to help correct a flawed Index submitted with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, to Washington State Department of Commerce. Compared to the hearing minutes, that Index demonstrates numerous omissions of public testimony for that date.

The February 16, 2016 Councilor hearing is important because it was noticed as a hearing to reconsider the Preferred Alternative and consider public comment. At this hearing, numerous attendees came to give testimony and were denied the chance to speak because the meeting went so long. They were given no future opportunity to provide verbal public comment, before the adopted November 24, 2015 Preferred Alternative was repealed and a new Alternative was quickly created and adopted on February 23, 2016.

At this hearing, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Christine Cook, tells Councilor Olson the remand of 36,000 acres of Agri-forest lands, re-designated all lots as five acre parcels. A review of the Agri-forest Task Force information and Planning Commission report, demonstrates that statement is false and none of the land went through an EIS. Of the approximately 350 parcels contained in Agri-forest, only 15 of the parcels were given 5 acre status, and the rest of the parcels were designated 20 acres and 10 acres, respectively.

At this hearing, Community Planning Director, Oliver Onjako falsely states a Rural Vacant Buildable Lands Model was never used for the rural areas. Staff claimed a RVBLM was not used for rural because of two 1997 rulings from Judge Poyfair. Research demonstrates a recent Alternative 2 map legend showing descriptions for the designations are based on a Rural Vacant Buildable Lands Model. In addition, Judge Poyfair (Judge Ladley) had only one ruling, regarding erroneous use of a VBLM in the rural area. The second was from directives of the Court of Appeals Division II.

At this hearing the majority of public testimony Alternative 4 supported the November 24, 2015 Preferred Alternative. But, the Index demonstrates few of these testimony items are recorded. A review of the Index sent to the state, demonstrates many omissions and February 16, 2016 is missing a great deal of public testimony. The county must make corrections to the flawed Index by reviewing the minutes of the February 16, 2016 hearing and forwarding it to the state for review. A closer look at the Index demonstrates the county must make a great many corrections before certification of the Public Record Index can be made.

Sincerely



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Importance: High

Hello,

Please see the attached testimony received from Heidi Owens, Carol Levanen and Susan Rasmussen during the public comment portion of the board's May 10 hearing

Thanks!
Rebecca

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