ACTION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Hearing Room, Douglas County Public Services Building
140 19th Street NW, East Wenatchee, WA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

Douglas County Planning Commission Members Present:
Chair Robert Knowles, Michael Machado, Fred Suter, Norm Cavadini and Wayne Hawks

Douglas County Staff Present:
Mark Kulaas, Land Services Director
Curtis Lillquist, Principal Planner
Stephen Neuenschwander, Principal Planner
Suzanne Austin, Associate Planner

II. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES-
Approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Planning Commission member Suter motioned, Planning Commission member Machado seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

III. Citizen Comment - None

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business
a) Planner Lillquist presented a workshop on major amendments to the Spanish Castle Master Planned Resort and introduced a presentation given by Eric Johnston of SCJ Alliance, representing Big River Development. The Planning Commission inquired about project phasing plans, vehicular access across the railroad tracks, extent of Grant County PUD shoreline ownership, use of Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) and emergency services facilities on the site.
A member of the public, Carol Anderson, inquired about the location of the project.

A short recess was called after the workshop in order to observe the published public hearing time of 4:00 P.M.

b) A public hearing to consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Douglas County Code regarding expansion of the East Wenatchee Urban Growth Area and Spanish Castle Master Planned Resort and amendments to mineral resource policies. Planner Neuenschwander presented an overview of the amendments. Pete Fraley testified in favor of the proposed amendments.

Planning Commission member Machado motioned to approve the amendments as proposed based on the findings of fact and conclusions presented in the staff report.

The Planning Commission expressed concerns over whether their recommendation may result in pre-approval of decisions that may be made later in the evening at the City of East Wenatchee hearing. Staff responded that the Douglas County Planning Commission recommends adoption or rejection to the Board of County Commissioners regardless of the decision by the East Wenatchee Planning Commission.

The motion made by Planning Commission member Machado to recommend approval of the amendments as proposed was seconded by Planning Commission member Hawks.

Planning Commission member Machado made a motion to amend their recommendation and continue the hearing for Comprehensive Plan Chapter 3 Table 2 & Table 3 to March 11 for decision only. The motion was seconded by Planning Commission member Cavadini. The vote on the motion to amend the original motion passed with a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The vote on the original motion as amended passed with a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The hearing was continued to March 11, 2015 for decision only in regards to amendments to Comprehensive Plan Chapter 3 Table 2 & Table 3.

VI. **Adjournment**
The public hearing adjourned at 4:50 P.M.