

Minutes of Meeting
Community Development Update
October 20, 2014
1:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, Chairman Pro Tem Green and Commissioner Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Community Development Director, David Callahan, Deputy Building Official, Bob Ankersmit, Community Development Intern, Brent Albrecht and Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Clark. Chairman Tondee was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Pro Tem Green called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- D. New Business:**

Following the posted agenda, Director David Callahan addressed the following items with the Board:

1. Progress report on expired building permits:

Mr. Callahan began the meeting by distributing a Summary of the Closing Out or Expired Permits. When Mr. Callahan was hired as the Director there were over four thousand (4000) expired permits in their permit tracking records which dated back to the mid 1980's. Within that year the staff has reviewed approximately one thousand (1000), and out of those approximately five hundred (500) have been resolved. During the reviewing period, the primary focus has been on structures that are habitable with any possible life safety concerns. Half of the remaining expired permits are accessory structures and other projects that do not pose a safety hazard.

Mr. Andersmit explained to the Board that the older records are inconsistent and many documents are missing. He stated that back then, ten (10) years ago, the practices were not as thorough as they are now. Most of the owners trusted their builders and had no idea their permits had expired. Additionally, many properties have been sold, sometimes several times and the current owners had no knowledge of permit expirations.

Mr. Callahan asked the Board to consider the possibility of signing off on those permits from 2003 and earlier, with the exception of any code violations. The Board thinks Mr. Callahan's proposal is a sound idea, but suggested he speak with legal prior to moving forward. Commissioner Nelson thinks that a Resolution should be written as well. Mr. Callahan will update the Board after his meeting with legal.

- E. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

There being no further discussion of agenda items or public comment, Chairman Pro Tem Green adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

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Deputy Clerk

_____ Daniel H. Green, Chairman Pro Tem