

**Douglas County Commissioners Meeting  
May 24th, 2010**

**TIME AND PLACE**

There was a meeting of the Douglas County Commissioners and representatives for The Lake Entiat Lodge Estates (hereinafter referred to as Sun Cove) at 9:00 a.m. on May 24th, 2010. The meeting was held in Waterville at the Commissioners Conference Meeting Room at the Douglas County Courthouse.

**PRESENT**

The following members were present for the meeting: Ken Stanton, Dale Snyder and Mary Hunt, County Commissioners, Douglas County Sherriff Harvey Gjesdal, Prosecuting Attorney Steven Clem, County Engineer Doug Bramlette and Douglas County Road Supervisor Scott Reiman . Representing Sun Cove were: current board member, Margaux Mason and Wapato Point Management Company, General Manager Ken Flynn.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC**

Ken Stanton and Mary Hunt reviewed the concerns of the proposed pilot program which would allow golf carts to be driven on the private and county roads within the Sun Cove development. We reviewed the legislative document, namely, Certification of Enrollment, Substitute Senate Bill 6207, Chapter 217, Laws of 2010, Golf Cart Zones and its requirements, which are attached, (hereinafter referred to as Golf Cart Zones).

Scott Reiman stated the following:

1. Signs would be ready by June 10<sup>th</sup>
2. Signs would be rectangular in shape with a picture of a golf cart, identifying the beginning and end of the Golf Cart Zone per RCW 46.61, Sec 4, paragraph 9
3. Placement of signage will be determined by visual inspection from Doug Bramlette and Scott Reiman
4. All members discussed the placement of at least 3 signs at a cost of \$250/each, such cost to be borne by Sun Cove
5. We need to address crossing State Highway 97 at the entrance to Sun Cove

Mary Hunt asked Margaux Mason if Sun Cove is considering privatizing all of the county roads within the Sun Cove development. Margaux Mason's response was that it was cost prohibitive at this time.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to how the golf carts would travel in order to arrive at Orondo Cider Works without crossing the State Highway. Margaux Mason advised that she had spoken with the owner of Orondo Cider Works and would be pursuing discussions with other owners of the property adjacent to Sun Cove Road. Prior to making application for Golf Cart Zones, Margaux Mason will meet with the members in attendance at this meeting and propose a crossing.

Sherriff Harvey Gjesdal and Steven Clem expressed their concerns about inspection of the golf carts and compliance with Golf Cart Zones. They both felt strongly that Sun Cove needed to educate their owners and enforce compliance on private roads. Ken Flynn and Margaux Mason assured the meeting members that Sun Cove would educate all owners in regard to compliance within Golf Cart Zones.

Ken Flynn recommended that Sun Cove would bear the burden since Sun Cove consists of both private and county roads. The following recommendations were discussed:

1. Sun Cove Board of Directors would adopt Rules and Regulations to provide a penalty for non-compliance
2. Annual inspections by Sun Cove would be required to insure the following:
  - a. Proof of valid driver's license
  - b. Proof of insurance
  - c. Reflectors
  - d. Seat Belts
  - e. Child Restraints
  - f. Rearview Mirror
  - g. Headlights and Directional Signal Package
  - h. Manufacturer's standard engine
3. Upon compliance with all of the above, a Sun Cove decal would be issued to be placed upon the Golf Cart (similar to the decals used for boats at Sun Cove)
4. We discussed license plates for the golf carts. These are not required per the Golf Cart Zones; however, Sun Cove may wish to create their own license plates for tracking purposes

Sheriff Harvey Gjesdal reiterated that golf carts would still be subject to the 'Rules of the Road' currently present in the State of Washington per RCW 46.61 (attached, hereinafter referred to as Rules of the Road). The current laws regarding seat belts, child restraints and open containers will prevail on both county and private roads within the Sun Cove community.

The Commissioners and Sheriff Harvey Gjesdal requested Margaux Mason and Ken Flynn to propose to the Sun Cove Board of Directors contracting with the Douglas County Sheriff's Department for added patrols at a cost of approximately \$200 for four (4) hours of patrol. This would be in addition to the current patrols in Sun Cove particularly when needed on Holiday weekends or throughout the summer. Sun Cove is the third largest community development within Douglas County. All cities within Douglas County currently contract with the Douglas County Sheriff's Department for patrols throughout their cities.

Margaux Mason advised the meeting members that Sun Cove has scheduled a Board Meeting for Saturday, May 29, 2010 and this meeting would be discussed as an agenda item. After a decision by the Board, Margaux Mason will contact Dayna Prewitt, Clerk of the Board to advise the Board's decision in regard to making application for Golf Cart Zone at Sun Cove.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.