

right language to it. That's one. The other on the hearing, at least it's my understanding that that hearing is merely an accommodation to the public to put in some input; that they don't have to have that input, but that if, you know, for a variety of reasons, if they feel that there is the necessity there had to be some language that allowed them the flexibility of having the public hearing, and I think that was done as an accommodation to people.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But you would agree the public hearing is intended to come before the decision and not after the decision, or if they...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, I think, yeah, if they can't...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...fail to reach a decision. I mean it's curious language.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I assume, and I'll check this out, I assume that part of that comes from the desire that there are certain of those little projects that are small, easy to decide, you know, that are nothing deals and that you can just act on them quickly or they...they're smaller. But if for some reason it's a more controversial thing and it isn't one that they can reach that decision, yeah, I don't think it's a post-decision hearing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It almost sounds as if they fail to reach a decision to approve something, then that event will have a public hearing to kind of intimidate into...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: To say that we don't know?

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..improving...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..approving it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah, I could read it that way.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.