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TO: Michael Bobbink, Island County Hearing Examiner
Cc: Appellants
FROM: Andrew Hicks, Senior Planner
DATE: April 6, 2009
SUBJECT: APP 018/09 Bridge Christian Fellowship

An agreement has been reached between this department and the appellants in the matter of APP 018/09. The appellants have agreed to address the concerns of this department, with regard to safety, by immediately obtaining building permits for the barn and two mobile units onsite. This department has agreed to allow the church to operate on the subject parcel under a Temporary Use Permit while the permanent facility (on Troxell Rd.) is under permit review and while it is being constructed. The Temporary Use Permit shall be valid for up to six (6) months and may be renewed for an additional six (6) months upon a finding by this department that the applicants have been actively working to complete the development. To receive a six (6) month extension to the Temporary Use Permit the applicants would need to submit a written request that details what work has been completed and what work still needs to be completed, along with projected timeframes for completion. The appellants have initially projected that the permanent site may be ready by February of 2010.

This department recommends that the record for this appeal remain open until such time that the issue is resolved and the appellants withdraw the appeal or until such time that a decision is rendered on the appeal. Additionally, it is recommended that either party should be allowed to request a hearing at any time, in case a dispute should arise that cannot be reconciled. It does not seem necessary to schedule a follow-up hearing at this time.