

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider whether proposed amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan or Comprehensive Plan Land Use/Zoning Map should be placed on the 2012 docket of annual amendments.

The public hearing will be held in the Skagit County Board of Commissioners Hearing Room, Skagit County Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. At the beginning of the hearing, the Planning and Development Services Department will briefly summarize and make docketing recommendations on the amendment proposals.

One non-County initiated proposal is being considered for the 2012 docket, which includes a proposed amendment to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Zoning maps:

- NC-1. City of Anacortes (PL12-0258), proposal to expand its Urban Growth Area (UGA) by re-designating approximately 11 acres of Rural Reserve (RRv) land to Anacortes UGA on the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Land Use map and to the Anacortes UGA Urban Development District (A-UD) on the Skagit County Zoning map. The subject properties (P19760, P19747, P19749, P19700, P19748, P19696) are generally described as located on Fidalgo Island, south of and adjacent to Stevenson Road, and west of the Reservation Road and the former Puget Sound and Baker River Railway Company railway right of way.

Four County initiated proposals are being considered, two of which include amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Zoning maps; one amendment to incorporate by reference the 2012 Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan; and, one amendment that may affect the Comprehensive Plan and Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan policies, text, and land use designation and zoning map:

- C-1. Proposal to designate and zone 4 parcels (P74450, P103560, P103559, P74451), 1.5 acres in size, to Rural Business (RB). The subject parcels are generally described as located along the east side of the Swinomish Channel, and north and west of the Town of LaConner and the Port of Skagit County. The subject properties were designated and zoned Commercial in 1992. Subsequent comprehensive plan updates indicated, in error, that the property was located within the corporate limits of the Town of LaConner. The proposal rectifies the inadvertent mapping error.
- C-2. Proposal to re-designate and rezone P118792, an approximately .3 acre parcel owned by Del Mar Community Service on which are located two water tanks, from Rural Resource-NRL (RRc-NRL) to Rural Reserve (RRv). The subject parcel is generally described as located on Fidalgo Island, south of Marine Drive, east of Rosario Road, and north and west of Sharpe Lane/Sharpe Road. The parcel immediately to the northwest, P19168, was redesignated from Rural Resource-NRL to Rural Reserve in the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket, leaving P118792 as an isolated island or spot zone of Rural Resource-NRL. This proposal would remedy that situation by re-designating P118792 to Rural Reserve, consistent with the properties surrounding it on all sides.

- C-3. Proposal to amend Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate by reference the 2012 Skagit County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.
- C-4. Proposal to amend Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to integrate the outcome of the Bayview Ridge Planned Unit Development code and Master Site Plan process into the Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan.

Docketing Process

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners will hold a separate public meeting, in the weeks following the public hearing, to make its decisions on which amendment proposals will be included in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment docket.

If an amendment is placed on the docket, it and other docketed amendments will undergo full public, agency and environmental review, one or more public hearings before the Planning Commission on the merits of the proposal, and possible final adoption by the Skagit County Board of Commissioners.

Including a proposal on the docket for further review does not guarantee its ultimate approval. Docketing merely establishes the list of amendments that will be considered in the current amendment cycle.

If the Skagit County Board of Commissioners does not place an amendment proposal on the docket, review will stop, and the unused portion of the application fee will be refunded in accordance with the adopted fee schedule.

Questions about the docketing process may be directed to Gary Christensen, (360) 336-9410, ext. 5624.

Amendment Proposals

Information including summaries and Department docketing recommendations on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Plan Land Use/Zoning Map will be available online at www.skagitcounty.net/planning on Monday, March 25, 2013. Application documents may also be viewed at the Planning & Development Services Department, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, between 9:00 a.m. - Noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Your views on which of the proposals should, or should not, move forward for further consideration are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. Written correspondence may be submitted by mail to: Skagit County Board of Commissioners, c/o Linda Hammons, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, or by FAX: (360) 336-9307. Written comments (faxed, mailed, or delivered) will be received at the Skagit County Board of Commissioners office until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Comments may also be submitted online via a standard form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments. To ensure comments are received and processed properly, comments sent by email are not accepted.

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