

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, January 23, 1984

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Discussion of correspondence regarding use of sand filter and mound systems.
2. Update on Migrant Labor Camp Program.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:00 a.m. Executive Session - labor negotiations and personnel.

11:00 a.m. Planning Commission Referred Items:

1. Remand of Rezone Request #R-83-004 of KBRC.
2. Rezone Request #R-83-007 of Dorothy McKenna.
3. Variance Request #V-73-045 of David Granstrom.
4. Variance Request #V-83-044 of David Granstrom.
5. Request of Purves Plumbing to modify Special Use Permit #SP-79-004.
6. Amendment to Skagit County Code, Chapter 14.04.190 (5)

1:30 p.m. Discussion - Budget transfer request for purchase of a computer - Tom Moser, Prosecuting Attorney.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the above date. Commissioner Norris, Mansfield and Rohrer were all present.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Discussion - Sand filter and mound systems.

Tom Karsh reported. He stated the County had previously received a letter from Mr. Mitchell requesting a study be done on sand filter and mound systems in justification of land division. Mr. Karsh reported that Skagit County adopted our present systems with the clarification that the mound and sand filter systems were not to be used in the justification of land division. We have been using the mound system since 1979 and the sand filter system since 1981.

Mr. Karsh then presented a slide show which depicted step-by-step installation of both systems. Mr. Karsh stated this report was to update the Board on Skagit County's activities with regard to sand filter and mound systems. He stated the County has put in about 50 of them and he has not heard of any major problems occurring.

Commissioner Norris inquired if the State Board of Health had made any recommendations on this matter. Mr. Karsh stated that studies have been conducted since 1977 and he believed the final guidelines were now ready. Discussion followed regarding what other states and other Washington Counties are doing. Commissioner Norris asked if a tour could be arranged where the Board could observe first-hand these systems being installed. Mr. Karsh said he would be happy to arrange a tour but it would probably be in late Spring.

Mr. C. Smith, a designer, stated he felt if there was enough property, one to one and one-half acres, there should be no problem in using these systems.

Mike Mitchell, a designer and installer, stated there will be a time when these systems will be used for communities. The problem that is delaying this is getting enough oxygen to the bacteria with regard to the larger systems. He stated there is successful experimentation going on now in Wisconsin. He stated eventually these systems would be used by large communities.

Chairman Norris stated the Board will look into this further.

Update - Migrant Labor Camp Program

John Thayer reported. He stated the primary charge of the State regulations is to see that minimum housing standards are met and that a reasonably safe environment is provided the migratory worker and his family during his stay in Skagit County. The 1983 activities were as follows:

- 62 inspections were conducted at the 16 licensed camps.
- 16 were pre-operational inspections.
- 46 were done during the harvest.
- 105 separate violations were noted during the season NOTE: The most common violations pertained to solid waste, shower and toilet maintenance and building construction.
- 0 complaints were received and acted upon.
- 197 hours (2.76% of total environmental health time) was expended by 3 staff members.

Mr. Thayer brought the Board up-to-date on the current activities of the State Board of Health and would keep the Board informed of any major changes that might occur which would impact Skagit County's migrant work camps.

PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEMS

Remand of Rezone Request #R-83-004 of KBRC

Otto Walberg reported. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 9, 1984, to consider the rezone request of KBRC to modify the language of the condition of approval of the reclassification of approximately 4.23 acres from Residential Reserve to Commercial/Limited Industrial at their location of 1468 Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, Washington. Their recommendation was to approve the rezone request subject to the following condition:

1. The Commercial/limited Industrial zoning of Parcel A shall be restricted to uses arising out of or related to the broadcasting and/or communications business.

Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission subject to the condition noted above. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Rezone Request #R-83-007 of Dorothy McKenna

Otto Walberg reported. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 9, 1984, to consider the rezone request of Dorothy McKenna to reclassify a parcel from Residential to Public Use for the construction of a church on property located at 716 North Garl Street, Burlington, Washington. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezone as presented except that only lots 2 and 3 of short plat no. 1-81 will be rezoned to Public Use.

After some discussion, Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to postpone this item for one week. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Variance Request #V-73-045 of David Granstrom

Steve Wood reported. This concerns a request to reclassify approximately 5.3 acres from Residential to Public Use.

Mr. Wood asked that findings 1 through 7 be entered into the record:

1. The applicant desires to rezone three parcels created by Short Plat #1-81 from Residential to Public Use to allow the construction of a church and related facilities.
2. The public hearing has been advertised in accordance with the requirements of Skagit County Code, Chapter 14.04.
3. A determination of the environmental significance of this proposal has been made in accordance with the SEPA Guidelines and has been found to be nonsignificant.
4. The property is zoned Residential on the zoning map, adopted October 25, 1983. The Northwest District Comprehensive Plan map, adopted January 7, 1985, designates the property as Residential.
5. The property is located in the floodplain of the Skagit River with the 100 year floodplain elevation at 30.5 feet mean sea level. Actual ground elevations range approximately 24 to 26 feet.
6. The existing types are Puget Silt Loam (Pg) and Puyallup Loam (Pm) which are both classified as Class II soils. Both exhibit severe limitations for septic drainfields with the depth to seasonal water table being 0 to 4 feet.
7. A house and outbuildings currently exist on the parcels with the remainder used as cropland.

There was some discussion regarding proper surveying.

Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to approve this rezone request based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Variance Request #V-83-044 of David Granstrom

Steve Wood reported. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 9, 1984, to consider this variance request for a modification of the Short Subdivision Ordinance #5544 for the division of a parcel of property without adhering to the Short Plat procedures to the Short Plat procedures, including surveying on a property located at 2845 Lake Cavanaugh Road, Mount Vernon, Washington.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the variance request subject to the

following conditions:

1. The applicant shall provide a plat map to the County Permit Center for approval and recording. This plat shall include all appropriate forms for on-site sewage disposal.
2. If the property is sold to any other party outside of the applicant's family, the property shall be surveyed.
3. The applicant shall obtain a Variance from the minimum lot sizes in a Forestry Zone.

Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to approve the Variance Request of David Granstrom with the conditions outlined by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Norris requested the Permit Center to draft a policy on not surveying in this type of situation.

Request of Purves Plumbing to modify Special Use Permit #SP-79-004.

Steve Wood reported. Mr. Wood presented a location map to the Board and also presented some brochures on the products involved. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 9, 1984. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Request subject to the following conditions:

1. Hours of operation shall be limited to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, except in emergency situations.
2. Employee automobiles shall be parked in the existing fenced area.
3. This special use shall be in effect for office space, carpet and upholstery cleaning, manufacture of carpet care equipment and storage. Any change in use shall require approval of the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners.
4. Signing shall be flush mounted on the side of the principal structure.
5. There shall be no more than 15 employees on-site.
6. The applicant shall have soils work completed and approved by the Skagit County Permit Center to prove that there is a replacement area for a sewage disposal system should the additional usage of the building cause a system failure.

Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to approve the Special Use Request of Purves Plumbing as recommended by the Planning Commission with the conditions noted. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Amendment to the Skagit County Code, Chapter 14.04.190(5)

Bob Schofield reported. This amendment changes the word "section" to "chapter" for a clearer understanding as to reference.

Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the amendment as read. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor presented the following miscellaneous items to the Board:

1. The Board approved for signature an annual agreement between Skagit County and Snohomish County Department of Information Systems and Technical Services for data processing for Skagit County Title companies - 1984.
2. The Board approved and signed a Professional Services Contract between Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department and Sally/ Jacky to provide classes on folk dancing.
3. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve a Petition for Property Tax Refund for Herman Baalson in the amount of \$238.05. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Pet: 84404)
4. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve a Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property for Walker Ormsby in the amount of \$8,500.00. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Pet: #548)
5. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, January 16, 1984. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
6. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the appointment of Dale Terneson to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9927.
7. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the appointment of Al Bush, to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9928.
8. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the appointment of Carol Hanson to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9929.
9. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the appointment of Leslie Gilkey to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9930.
10. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the appointment of Don Moe to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9931.
11. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the appointment of Jim McRae to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9932.

12. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve for signature a resolution denying the application of Nagatani Brothers, Inc. for the preliminary Plat of Sterling View. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9933.
13. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Elmer Richmond to the Skagit County Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9934.
14. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve a resolution reappointing Frank Tucker to the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9935.
15. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve a resolution increasing the law library fees. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9936.
16. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Patricia Johnson to the Mental Health Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9937.
16. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Verna McClure to the Mental Health Board. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. Resolution #9938.

Budget Transfer request - Prosecuting Attorney

Cancelled.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Chairman Norris stated that after the first of the year, it was traditional for the Board to select a Chairman for the year. Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to appoint Commissioner Norris to the Chairmanship for 1984. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

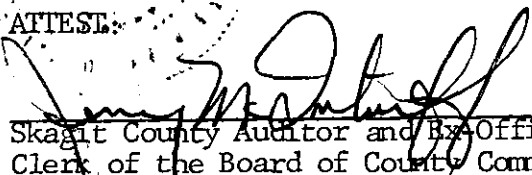
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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners