

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, June 19, 1986

7:30 p.m. Discussion with Town Council of Concrete Regarding Concrete Community Center.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 19, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

DISCUSSION WITH TOWN COUNCIL OF CONCRETE REGARDING CONCRETE COMMUNITY CENTER.

The Board met with the Town Council of Concrete at a scheduled Council meeting to discuss the proposed Concrete Community Center.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Coordinator, informed the Council that the Board has been investigating the possible use of the existing Port owned Concrete Depot for a community center that would house a full-time senior services program, Chamber of Commerce, and a meeting space for the citizens of the upriver community.

Chairman Rohrer stated that the Board was interested in discussing the uses of the facility, the community scheduling, and the maintenance and operations of the building and grounds. He also solicited the Council's opinion regarding whether the County should purchase the building for public use.

Mayor Norm Strand, in echoing the sentiments of the entire Council, stated that the Town of Concrete, as the Board is fully aware, is not financially flush, but does realize the potential for this site and supports the County's purchase of the facility.

Mayor Strand indicated the Town currently contributes approximately \$2,500 to the operation of the senior citizen activities. Any additional funding would likely provide a hardship, especially with the impending loss of Revenue Sharing funds.

Council members indicated they thought the Town could absorb the costs for the sewer and water service to the facility, as well as mowing the grass and removing snow as necessary with Town personnel. They thought the senior citizens and various civic organizations could supply much of the anticipated maintenance and grounds work for the facility, which would reduce those costs significantly.

Mabel Onkels expressed concern about the operation of the Chamber of Commerce office at the Depot, and whether they will have to vacate those premises.

Commissioner Vaux assured Ms. Onkels that the Commissioners felt the location of the Chamber office at the Depot was vital to the Chamber, and the County

envisioned that the seniors at the facility during the day could assist in its operations. Commissioner Vaux also stated that he felt the Saturday Market would also be an acceptable use of the facility during summer months.

Numerous people from the audience spoke in favor of the County's purchase of the facility and stressed it should be a community center with its focus for the senior citizens.

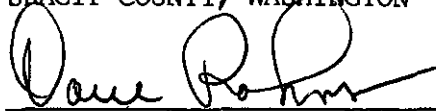
The Town Council voted unanimously to support the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.



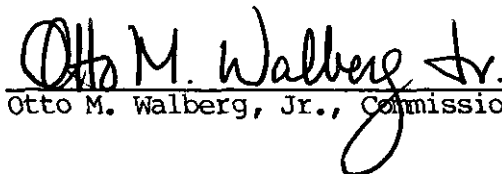
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