

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 24, 1987

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation - Tulip Festival Poster.
- 10:00 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:
1. Discussion - Equipment Purchase.
 2. Comprehensive Plan Update.
 3. Discussion - Public Surveys.
 4. Discussion - Annual Report.
 5. Signature - Professional Services Contracts.
 6. Miscellaneous items.
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion - Horticulture Inspection Service.
- 1:30 p.m. 1. Planning Commission Referred Item - Rezone Request #R-87-001 of Chuck Christenson.
2. Miscellaneous items.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 1987, with Commissioners Walberg, Vaux and Rohrer present.

Presentation - Tulip Festival Poster.

Jim Koetje and Larry Ashby, representing the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Committee and the Board of Directors, presented the Board with the official 1987 "Tuluptous" Tulip Poster. This year's Tulip Festival will be celebrated April 2 - 12, 1987.

Larry Ashby thanked the Board for the help of County staff members, Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director; Jeff Monsen, Traffic Safety Engineer and Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer (who is in charge of the rugby event).

Mr. Ashby gave a report on the "Taste of Skagit". Approximately 13 restaurants are committed to having a food booth. The Cascade Job Corps has volunteered their culinary students to help with food service at the booths.

Commissioner Vaux, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked Jim and Larry for their part in organizing and putting together this event.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department: Jon Aarstad, Director

1. Discussion - Equipment Purchase.

Jon Aarstad stated his department needs a new front-end rotary, riding lawn mower and there were two options to take:

- a. The City of Kirkland was going to purchase a Torro for \$7,600 plus tax, and Skagit County could "piggy back" their bid.
- b. Go out for bid.

After brief discussion the Board advised Jon to go out for bid on this particular piece of equipment.

2. Comprehensive Plan Update
3. Discussion - Public Surveys.

Jon stated that surveys were printed in all the local newspapers, and the results of the survey will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Final submission date for the surveys is February 27, 1987. Jon provided a copy of the survey to each Commissioner.

4. Discussion - Annual Report.

Jon handed out copies of the Annual Report to the Board. Jon pointed out the various sections. A brief discussion followed.

5. Discussion - Professional Services Contracts.

Jon presented the Board with new professional services contracts that his department was now using. The new forms provide additional insurance liability language.

6. Miscellaneous Items.

a. Jon asked the Board if they wished him to continue to participate in the "Spring Rally" program. This program provides small tree seedlings to be planted in and around the County. The Board told Jon to continue to participate, but order a smaller number of trees.

b. Jon stated he has been meeting with people from Concrete, La Conner and Burlington to discuss various park improvement plans. He is volunteering his time to the cities in a spirit of cooperation.

c. Jon stated he contacted Area Agency on Aging regarding funding for his Information and Assistance Program. They responded by asking for more details. Jon will keep the Board informed.

d. The Board approved for signature a grant for nutrition and a grant for senior employment. These grants were copies of previously signed grants.

e. Jon stated his department received 310 application for the Park Maintenance Worker position. Marshall Pederson who now works for the Parks Department got the job.

f. Jon gave an update on the Skagit Playfields lighting installation.

g. Jon stated that Steelhead Park is becoming so popular, it is creating a problem with staff overrun of hours. He will keep the Board informed of this situation.

SKAGIT COUNCIL ON AGING

Cle Richardson thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet and said the meeting would be a series of committee reports.

Bill Taylor of the Building Committee manages Mount Vernon Manor. They now have 85 units and have a waiting list of about 45 people. They serve meals three times a day and have about 25 tenants who participate.

Stanley Sygotowicz of the Senior Volunteer Committee stated in 1986 81,000 hours were donated to the County by seniors. Figuring these hours at being paid the minimum wage, it would equal over \$250,000.

Cle Richardson said their insurance committee person was unable to attend. However, he stated they were looking at long-range planning and risk management goals which would cut insurance costs.

John Smith, Director of the Housing Authority, stated HUD had very little money left and they were presently exploring other areas for grant monies. He stated they were currently looking into a Risk Retention Pool insurance program wherein if they were included in the program, insurance costs could go down as much as 50%.

Carol Taylor of the Personnel Committee reported they were reviewing personnel policies and the implementation of same. Commissioner Vaux told her if she needed any help in the area of personnel, to call Bob Taylor of the Commissioners Office for help.

Tim Holloran gave a brief report and stated he felt SCOA was doing a particularly good job in the areas of housing and transportation.

Bill Weaver of the Transportation Committee handed out a detailed financial comparison study of the years 1984, 1985 and 1986. He stated the transportation needs of seniors grows steadily. He stated 1986 was a very good year because of unexpected funds and the County providing the diesel fuel for their bus. They are looking into purchasing two to four more buses with the help of various grants and fund raisers.

John Smith reported that the SCOA membership drive held last fall produced 200 memberships, each membership represents \$12 per year for senior activities.

Cle Richardson thanked the Board for their time and support.

Discussion - Horticulture Inspection Service.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated we had received a letter from Mr. Jack Quigely, Fruit and Vegetable District Assistant Manager from the Department of Agriculture, Commodity Inspection Division, requesting clarification of the County's funding toward horticulture inspection services for Skagit County.

Mr. Ron Fox, Supervisor from Moses Lake, Mr. James Bach, Assistant Supervisor, Plant Services Branch from Kent and Mr. Gary Whitwer, our local inspector, were present. Mr. Fox handed out some RCW's relating to horticultural inspection fees and general provisions, sample customer sales analysis printouts, invoices, and receipt and expenditure statements. Mr. Fox gave some background information beginning in 1978 when Skagit County entered into an agreement with the State Department of Agriculture for inspection services.

The state is divided into four districts. Skagit County is District #1 and is divided into two divisions, fruit and vegetable inspection and nursery inspection. Mr. Fox informed the Board of the various duties of the inspectors here in Skagit County. A brief discussion followed.

The Board thanked Mr. Fox, Mr. Bach and Mr. Whitwer for the information.

Planning Commission Referred Item - Rezone Request #R-87-001 of Chuck Christenson.

Gary Gidley of the Planning and Community Development Department handed out a staff report and a legal description to the Board. Mr. Christenson is requesting that approximately .80 acre be rezoned from Agriculture to Commercial/Limited Industrial for the purpose of storing lumber. A brief discussion followed.

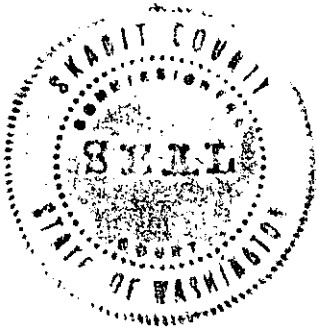
Commissioner Rohrer motioned to grant the rezone request as recommended in the staff findings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 23, 1987. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve a manual warrant #21097 in the amount of \$721.59 for Hobbit Construction Company. Chairman Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. C12-87.

ADJOURNMENT

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



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