

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, March 19, 1991**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.            Department of Planning and Community Development -Scott Kirkpatrick,  
Director

- 1)        Planning Commission Update.
- 2)        Comprehensive Plan Update.
- 3)        Planning Commission Agenda Items Discussion.
- 4)        Enforcement Report Update.
- 5)        Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.        Hearing Examiner Recommendations:

- 1)        Approval - Timber Open Space Application of Carl Cady.
- 2)        Approval - Timber Open Space Application of Benjamin  
Tarcher.
- 3)        Approval - Timber Open Space Application of Delbert  
Fredlund.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 1991. Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Robby Robinson were present. Commissioner Wylie was excused.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:**

- 1)        Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that Wednesday evening, March 20, 1991 the last in a series of 18 meetings to update the Comprehensive Plan, will be held. He explained that the Planning Department will be taking all of the community values and putting them together in a form that will explain how they fit into existing policy and how they might be revised to fit the statement of community values. This information will be circulated back out to the communities prior to scheduling meetings with the Planning Commission.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that one of the things that has come out of this is that several groups have approached Planning to do their own planning efforts. Some of these efforts have been highly professional. This information will be looked at. The Department is anxious to encourage good participation. There will be continuous opportunities for involvement besides these initial rounds of meetings.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed with the Board a list of the North West District's Common Values dated March 13, 1991.

Mr. Robinson asked about number 41, "Define carrying capacity of various areas and compensation". Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that this statement says that based on its characteristics you can only put so many people on the land. If it turns out that the carrying capacity is so much density and that leads to someone's development rights being taken, the notion is someone should pay for those.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said the next step is to start working on setting up the various committees and put together an Advisory Committee. They will be looking at things like affordable housing as an element of the Comprehensive Plan, school impact fees will be looked at, etc.

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Commissioner Vaux said that there needs to be some criteria that says that for every 10 lots there is a multi-family housing unit. He said he did not agree with the statement to "allow only single family housing in Bayview". He added that he felt it is much better to have an occasional duplex or triplex every block than these mammoth apartment complexes that are absentee owned.

Commissioner Robinson asked about number 17, "Require that port comply with comprehensive plan". Mr. Kirkpatrick said that this is something being addressed by the Legislature, that all districts, including ports, be consistent with the county land use plan. What they are hearing is that the port should be answerable to someone and it should be the county. It is important for the County to know what is going on, whether it is the P.U.D. or the ports or any other special districts.

2) Planning Commission Update and Agenda Items Discussion.

Gary Christensen, Senior Planner, distributed copies of the Planning Commissions' schedule. Mr. Christensen advised that there had been a few changes from the previous Planning Commission schedule dated March 4. He reviewed some of the changes with the Board.

There was some discussion regarding contract rezones. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the contract rezone was really used in lieu of conditional use or special use.

There was some discussion about the huge demand on the Planning Commissions' time. Mr. Christensen said that one of the problems they will be facing is that as the docket becomes more full there will be more and more time before items get on the agenda.

Commissioner Vaux suggested the possibility of more work being directed to the Hearing Examiner or establishing the old Board of Adjustment.

After further discussion Commissioner Vaux suggested that the Chairman of the Planning Commission and Mr. Scofield, the Hearing Examiner, met with the Board of Commissioners next week to discuss this matter.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said he would also like to invite the City of Anacortes Mayor and Planning Director to talk about South Fidalgo and surveying that has been done. He said he would also like to bring in G.O. Engineering Consultants regarding their findings at Rosario Road.

3) Enforcement Report.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented the Enforcement Report.

4) Miscellaneous.

1) Mr. Kirkpatrick distributed the Permit Activity Report. He advised that he will continue to revise this report so that it will be in a more sophisticated form. Commissioner Vaux felt this was a good management tool.

**HEARING EXAMINER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1) Approval - Timber Open Space Application of Carl Cady.

Jeff Morgan and Grace Roeder of the Planning Department reported. Mr. Morgan provided a copy of the Assessor's map for the Boards review. Paul Mahoney, Skagit County Assessor, was also present.

Mr Morgan reported the property is currently in Open Space Open Space and Mr. Cady is requesting that it be reclassified to Timber Open Space. He is making this request so he can remove timber that has been

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down.

Mr. Mahoney said they are questioning whether it has to come out or not. Open Space Timber is closed to the public. The taxpayer will get no benefit of being able to use the property.

Ms. Roeder said if he has as much blowdown as Guemes experienced he would not want anyone on the property anyway.

Mr. Mahoney said that if he is just going to take blowdowns out and isn't going to cut timber, maybe he should be allowed to under the current Open Space classification.

Mr. Mahoney suggested that this matter be discussed with Mr. Cady again.

Ms. Roeder explained that she advised Mr. Cady he would not have to attend the meeting today. She added that although Mr. Cady has some water front, there is no where that it is adequate to tie a boat up. She explained that their interpretation of Open Space he is unable to remove the timber. Mr. Cady felt his only recourse was to change from Open Space Open Space to Timber Open Space with a timber management plan. This would allow him to go in and take blowdowns out and manage his timber accordingly.

After further discussion Commissioner Vaux directed that Ms. Roeder and Mr. Morgan meet with Mr. Cady and Mr. Mahoney to evaluate this matter further.

2) Approval - Timber Open Space Application of Delbert Fredlund

Grace Roeder reviewed a map of the area in question with the Board. This request is to put six acres in Timber Open Space. The acreage adjoins 40 that is already in Timber Open Space. The Hearing Examiner has given approval to this request.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to accept the Hearing Examiner Recommendation and accept the Timber Open Space application of Delbert Fredlund subject to any conditions recommended by the Hearing Examiner and the Planning Staff. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution #12904)

3) Approval - Timber Open Space Application of Benjamin Tarcher

Jeff Morgan reviewed a map of the area in question with the Board. He noted that the area in question is on Chuckanut Drive. The applicant is required to get a GO technical report for a building permit as it has been designated unstable and coastal zone. The applicant has a Timber Forest Management Plan.

Mr. Mahoney made some comments. He suggested that the County should start looking at its policy relative to these matters.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to accept the Hearing Examiner Recommendation and accept the Timber Open Space application of Benjamin Tarcher subject to any conditions recommended by the Hearing Examiner and the Planning staff. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution #12903)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Officer, presented the following to the Board:

A. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution establishing a petty cash

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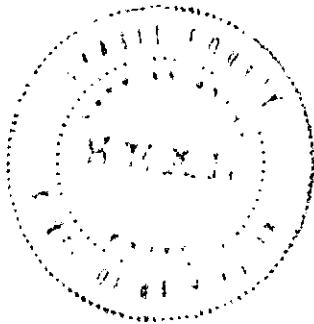
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fund for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution #12902)

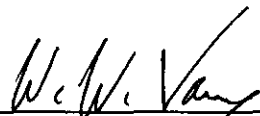
- B. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to increase the Sheriff's Office Advance travel Expense Fund to \$7,000.00. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution #12905)
- C. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve a request for reimbursement from Tom Sheahan, Director, Emergency Services, for \$12,700 for the cost of three surplus vehicles bought through the Search and Rescue Council because the flood emergency and mechanics of Surplus Property acquisition left no alternative. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried.
- D. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a contract with Mary Kay Barbieri to provide individual and family counseling services at the rate of \$60.00 per 50 minute session for the Skagit County A.R.I.S. Program. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Contract #00880)
- E. The Board approved for signature a contract with Computerland of Skagit County to provide computer hardware, software and services from computerland, said agreement authorized by County Resolution #12869, dated February 26, 1991. (Contract #00881)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried.



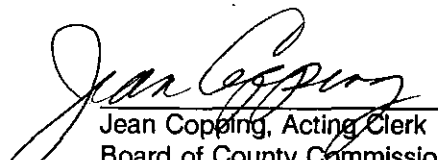
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