

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

Tuesday, February 4, 1992

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

Work Session:

- 1) Farm Land Protection Program Document.
- 2) Code Enforcement Report.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Planning Commission Recommendations:

- 1) Approval - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request for First Baptist Church of Hamilton.
- 2) Approval - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for Mount Vernon Christian School.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Facilities - Roger Howard, Director:

- 1) Work Session - New County Building.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Presentation - Skagit Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday February 4, 1992, with Commissioners Robby Robinson, Ruth Wylie, and W. W. Vaux present.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTT KIRKPATRICK, DIRECTOR:

- 1) Code Enforcement Report - provided for review.
- 2) Miscellaneous - None.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approval - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request for First Baptist Church of Hamilton.

The Department of Planning and Community Development submitted area maps for the Board's review. The proposal submitted for approval is to consider a request for a comprehensive plan map amendment proposal by the First Baptist Church of Hamilton to reclassify 1.74 acres from Residential to Public Use on the Eastern District Comprehensive Plan Map. The location of this proposal is at 797 Hamilton Cemetery Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA; located in a portion of the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 6 East, W.M., situated in Skagit County, WA; also known as Tract 3 of Short Plat 16-78, Auditor's file number 876953.

The options for consideration are:

- a) to summarily approve the Planning Commissions' recommendation; or
- b) to remand it back to the Planning Commission for further discussion; or
- c) hold a public hearing and adopt findings of fact if the Board deems a change in the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the amendment, Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The recorded motion was provided in advance.

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2) Approval - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment for Mount Vernon Christian School.

The Department of Planning and Community Development submitted area maps for the Boards review. The proposal submitted for approval is to consider a request for a comprehensive plan map amendment proposal by the Mount Vernon Christian School to reclassify 4.13 acres from Agriculture to Public Use. The location of the proposal is at 820 Blackburn Road, Mount Vernon' a portion of the north 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 34N, Range 4 E, W.M., situated in Skagit County, WA.

The options for consideration are:

- a) to summarily approve the Planning Commissions' recommendation; or
- b) to remand it back to the Planning Commission for further discussion; or
- c) hold a public hearing and adopt findings of fact if the Board deems a change in the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the amendment, Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The recorded motion was provided in advance.

PRESENTATION - SKAGIT REGIONAL FISHERIES ENCHANCEMENT GROUP.

This is a non-profit, non-partisan group of fishery, business, and community leaders allied to enhance the salmon and steelhead resources of the Skagit River basin. Members present included: President Dave Milholland, Commercial Fisherman; Mr. Arn Thoreen, Sorenson Bend Project; Mr. W. D. Wills, Mr. Bill Reinard, Mr. Phillip Jost, Wildcat Steelhead Club; and Mr. Pete Castle, Mr. Steve Seymour, and Mr. Kurt Smitch, State Department of Fisheries.

President Milholland introduced the group, outlining their desire to enter a united effort in making the Skagit River systems as productive as possible, specifically concerning culvert problems as they relate to salmon passage to more optimum spawning grounds upstream. The desire is to be able to place some priorities with the County's help on some immediate action and some long range necessary repair that the enhancement group can handle. Other members then addressed the board.

Mr. Seymour stated that the Department of Fisheries receives \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year from fishing licenses for Skagit County. Mr. Thoreen reported that there is an increase in the number of fish through the enhancement program at the Sorensen Bend Project, located on the South side of the Skagit River just before Day Creek. This is an artificial enhancement of a natural run. They are being assisted by the tribal fishermen to brood stock Chinook. Mr. Wills addressed the Board, thanking them for the assistance provided to the Wildcat Steelhead Club. They have received over \$27,000 in contributions, \$4,500 - \$4,600 being contributed by the Department of Fisheries. At present time, there is a spawning battery (4 barrels) of 250,000 chum eggs, 42,000 silver eggs in the new spawning area created, and 207 salmon spawning in the flood run-off. Mr. Reinard addressed the Board, reporting that there are 7 Sedro-Woolley Schools that are raising 500 silvers/each, and Samish School has 500 Chum salmon.

Mr. Castle addressed the Board with the specific issue of the enhancement of Parker Creek. The main concern at this time is a culvert that needs replacing, located approximately 200 yards West of Walberg Road. Mr. Castle distributed photographs of the culvert problem on Parker Creek and explained that if the problem were remedied, it would open up one-half mile of good, salmon spawning area. Steelhead, coho, and cutthroat would use the area to spawn. There are already 150 fish spawning there. The culvert creates a road problem as well as a stream problem. The request from the group is that they work with the County on the Parker Creek culvert, and others, as it creates a joint concern due to potential road hazard. All together there are 46 miles of spawning ground lost due to culvert problems. The group is willing to provide

assistance in gaining access to off right of way areas needing culvert replacement. Mr. Castle offered that the Department of Fisheries is willing to review, at no cost and in a short time-frame, any plans for culvert replacement to coordinate it being beneficial for the road enhancement and the stream beds. The Board acknowledged that the County can be looked to for help and to work with for a solution. One culvert at a time looks like a good way to proceed.

Commissioner Vaux asked about the status of the Grandy Creek Hatchery. Mr. Jost replied that it has been slowed due to the fly fishing group. A full environmental study has to be done by fall (rather than SEPA). The money must be spent by 1993 or it goes back.

Chairman Robinson requested Mr. Castle to come back with solution and alternatives on the culvert issue, and stated that he would get Rich Medved involved.

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

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robby Robinson, Chairman


Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Connie Carter, Clerk

Skagit County Boark of Commissioners

W. W. Vaux, Commissioner