



Kristi Carpenter reviewed the public education/involvement items of the draft recommendations with the Board.

Mr. Freeman stated that the draft plan will be out mid-June or July, 1992.

2) GMA Funding Cutbacks.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed the GMA responsibilities and funding reduction for the fiscal year 1992-93 with the Board. The two main issues discussed regarding the Board's involvement were the amount and process by which GMA funds are allocated in Skagit County; and what the effect it has on the County and the effect of the State's 21% cut.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that a 21% cut to Skagit County would mean a reduction in anticipated funds from approximately \$217,000 to approximately \$171,000. Ideally, the County's share should be approximately \$85,500 given the 50-50 split of population between the cities and the County.

Mr. Kirkpatrick voiced concern regarding allocations through SCOG and feels that they are not taking Skagit County's needs into consideration. SCOG has historically distributed funds on a basis other than per capita population distribution for jurisdictions, making the funding split uneven between the cities and the County. Mr. Kirkpatrick encouraged the Board to direct SCOG to more equitably distribute funds due to the County's overwhelming GMA responsibilities.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that there are currently two temporary full-time GMA planner positions unfilled. A third position remains unfilled as the result of Tom Karsh's transfer from Planning to Permit Center. The Comprehensive Plan assignments that had been Mr. Karsh's prior to the transfer are not being done now, and will keep the GMA deadline of July 1, 1993 for an adopted comprehensive plan from being met.

Commissioner Vaux directed Mr. Kirkpatrick to speak with Mike Woodmansee and Bob Taylor regarding the lack of personnel to fill needed work requirements.

Commissioner Wylie felt that the position vacated by Mr. Karsh's transfer to the Permit Center should be filled as is it necessary to have the draft Utilities and Capital Facilities Elements of the Comprehensive Plan completed.

Mr. Kirkpatrick will refigure a work program and speak with Mr. Woodmansee and Mr. Taylor regarding accommodating the need of completing the draft Utilities and Capital Facilities Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kirkpatrick will draft a letter to SCOG addressing a more equitable distribution of funds between the cities and County for the Board's signature.

3) Code Enforcement Activity Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was presented to the Board.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION - FIRE CONTROL ISSUES - THIS ITEM HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, MAY 11, 1992 AT 1:30 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - FISH NET PEN MORATORIUM EXTENSION.**

Chairman Robinson Chairman Robinson waived the notice of public hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus.

Oscar Graham reviewed with the Board the need to extend the Fish Net Pen Moratorium to December 31, 1992, in order to complete the Skagit County Shoreline Management Master Programs' Section on Aquaculture.

Commissioner Vaux questioned whether it is a realistic schedule to expect that the document will be completed by the proposed extension date.

Oscar stated that is an ambitious schedule, but should be completed by then.

Commissioner Wylie confirmed with Mr. Graham that the proposed document goes to SEPA for review before going to the State for review and asked how long a process this would be.

Mr. Graham stated that it could be three to five months.

Chairman Robinson opened the hearing for public comment

- Dale Fisher, president of the Kiket Bay Organization 1614 Snee-Oosh Road, LaConner addressed the Board. Mr. Fisher stated that he and his organization are for the extension of the moratorium, and oppose the possibility of net pens in the future.

- Garl Heiner, 746 McGlenn, Anacortes, addressed the Board. Mr. Heiner questioned why the extensions are going no longer than one year, when the previous extension was for three years.

Mr. Graham responded that there was a bill passed during the life of the last extension limiting moratorium extensions to no more than one year in duration.

- Mr. Heiner continued, stating that he has studied tidal charts of one location proposed for fish net pens in Skagit Bay. Mr. Heiner had found that during ebb-tide, the flow between Hope and Fidalgo Islands circulates, but does not flow out. This would cause contamination from the fish net pens. Mr. Heiner requested the Board extend the moratorium as long as possible.

- Francis Barcott, Anacortes, addressed the Board. Mr. Barcott requested the Board to extend the moratorium as long as the law will allow. He felt that Skagit County's nature cannot accommodate fish net pens, and it would be a detriment to the County.

- Mitch Ginnett, 1680 3rd, LaConner, addressed the Board requesting them to extend the moratorium.

- Earl Cahalle, P.O. Box 1139, Anacortes, addressed the Board requesting them to extend the moratorium as long as the law will allow.

- Conrad Cook, Anacortes, addressed the Board requesting them to extend the moratorium the full 12 months that the law allows.

With no further comment from the public, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to extend the moratorium placed on applications for fish net pen facilities in Skagit County until December 31, 1992. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14302).

**JAMES COOK APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION REGARDING SHORT PLAT 91-70, 91-71, 91-80, 91-95, 91-102, 91-104 LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM THE TOWN OF CONCRETE ON THE SOUTH SKAGIT HIGHWAY.**

Dave Hough, Senior Planner summarized the report regarding the denial for short plat applications:

The total property is approximately 160 acres located about one mile downstream from the town of Concrete on the South Skagit Highway. The property is zoned Residential Reserve and the Eastern District Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Rural Residential.

Jim and Terri Cook originally purchased the 160 acres. In August of 1991, they divided seven 20+ tracts and sold four of the tracts to two parties (James and Mable Cook, Jim's parent's, and Don and Lois Payne, Terri's parents). None of the tracts were of contiguous ownership of another tract.

In September, 1991, Jim and Terri Cook submitted two short subdivisions consisting of 8 lots. In November, 1991, Jim and Terri Cook submitted one short subdivision consisting of 4 lots. In December, 1991, James and Mable Cook submitted one short subdivision consisting of 4 lots. In December 1991, Don and Lois Payne submitted subdivisions consisting of 8 lots.

It appeared to the Planning Department that an attempt to circumvent the requirements of the State Subdivision Statute and local subdivision ordinances by engaging in a series of transactions utilizing sequential conveyances and short subdivision approvals, each one exempt from the statutory subdivision requirements was being made, which the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I has held to be illegal.

The Planning Department denied the short subdivision applications as listed above, as it was in the Planning Department's opinion that the applications should have been submitted according to 14.12 the Long Subdivision Ordinance.

- Ken Evans, attorney for the Cooks' and Payne's (Applicants) addressed the Board. Mr. Evans felt that there was no need for the Board to call for their own public hearing, but to remand the issue back to the Planning Director for approval. Mr. Evans stated that Mr. Hough indicated that the Applicants can long plat. Why long plat when the desire is to short plat? The Applicants are willing to comply with the requirements of the Short Plat ordinance. Mr. Evans feels that the Short Plat should not be denied due to the Applicants being related. Mr. Evans stated that the money has been paid, the deeds transferred, all Applicants applied separately, had separate surveys done, and the Short Plats applied for do meet with the Comprehensive Plan. He felt that this proposed Short Platting appears to be more open development than that next to it.

Mr. Evans continued, stating that it was indicated by Mr. Hough that if the properties had been sold to persons other than family, that there would be no problem. Mr. Evans stated that the Applicants may want to sell after the approval of the Short Plat. They may want to sell the five acre parcels while the interest rates are low. He stated that it is important to expedite this procedure, and that it has been done before, according to Louie Requa. Mr. Evans stated that the Applicants are in full compliance with the Short Plat requirements.

Louie Requa, Skagit Surveyors, addressed the Board. Mr. Requa stated that part of his duty as a surveyor is to subdivide under the current short plat ordinance. Mr. Requa stated that he was contracted and separately by the applicants to survey their individual properties. He stated that there was separate pay for services, separate applications, separate files, and separate ownership. Mr. Requa requested that the Board remand the decision back to the Planning Department for reconsideration.

Commissioner Vaux asked whether according to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act the lots would be buildable.

Mr. Requa stated that they would be buildable, and by dividing into five acre lots the density would be less than in a subdivision.

Mr. Hough stated that the Planning Department is concerned with the obvious non-contiguous selling of the 20 acre parcels and retention of 20 acre parcels by the Applicants.

Mr. Requa stated that there have been many short plats approved on 20 acre tracts due to the 20 acre exemption and that this is no different.

Commissioner Vaux motioned for the Board to hold their own public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 1992, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 202A, Skagit County Administration Building, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington.

Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wylie stated that the Board will need to have the necessary information provided them to review prior to the public hearing regarding the differences between SSC 14.08 and 14.12, the dates of the applications.

**PRESENTATION - RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK.**

Dot Schleef, RSVP, addressed the Board stating that the program receives one half of their funding from the Federal Action Program. They are being required to do an accessibility study of all the sites, and keep on file. Ms. Schleef had the members of the Advisory Council introduce themselves to the Board.

- Doris Masonholder addressed the Board stating that she has volunteered 1000 hours at United Good Neighbors; Crime Watch since Mount Vernon began the program, and is now helping Burlington and Sedro-Woolley start a Crime Watch program. Thursdays she fills in as office assistant at the Mount Vernon Senior Center, Monday's are spent in Burlington doing a neighborhood patrol house watch.

- Bethyl Granahan addressed the Board. Ms. Granahan is the newest member on the council, serves at the Hospital as a Senior Advisor, Volunteers at Burlington Nursing Home, SHEBA, was Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisor for 15 years and is the only original advisor left from the original 25. Ms. Granahan stated they have had 8 insurance sales office closed from this state. She has been trained to help Seniors fill out their insurance claim forms.

- Stan Sigatovich addressed the Board. Mr. Sigatovich volunteers in the laundry at Burton's Nursing Home, fund raising activities, various senior centers around the County, and the food bank. Mr. Sigatovich stated that volunteering his time at is more rewarding than being paid for the work.

- Georgia Stewart addressed the Board. Ms. Stewart joined RSVP 10 years ago, has been a council member for the last two years. Ms. Stewart volunteers at rest homes to assist with devotions, crafts, and transportation. She also volunteers at the Skagit County Museum, has 1000 hours in at the hospital, and makes lap robes for patients. She helps at schools, and has been the secretary for Skagit Council of Aging for four years.

- Betty Evans retired from the council 6 years ago but remained with the RSVP. Ms. Evans travels frequently and takes slides of her travels to present for groups. She is the official photographer for the council.

- Ms. Schleef readdressed the Board stating that she would like to brag on behalf of the Seniors. There is one full time person, two - half time people, the rest are volunteers. There are 600 volunteers total, 400 to 500 report each month.

- Dorothy Gordon stated that last year 117,000 hours of service was provided by the RSVP.

An invitation was extended to the Board to attend the RSVP recognition brunch, Thursday, May 7, 1992 at the Burlington VFW Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Tim Holloran, Director of Senior Services, stated that the perks from this program is in making friends, and the expertise of the people involved. Mr. Holloran stressed that they have done a great deal for the County, and they are all appreciated.

**ADJOURNMENT**



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