

**Record of the Proceedings
Skagit County Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, May 31, 1995**

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- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Consideration of Planning Commission Recommendation for Approval of Peterson Planned Unit Development PPT 93-005 of Roger Peterson 1.5 Miles North of the Intersection of Chuckanut Drive and Ershig Road.
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Parks Department - Jon Aarstad, Director.
- 1) Discussion - Cascade Trail.
 - 2) Discussion - Centennial Trail.
 - 3) Discussion - Resource Lands.
 - 4) Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF PETERSON PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PPT 93-005 OF ROGER PETERSON 1.5 MILES NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF CHUCKANUT DRIVE AND ERSHIG ROAD.

Jeff Morgan, Planning Department Staff, presented the consideration for approval of Peterson Planned Unit Development, reviewing the options available to the Board.

Mr. Morgan mentioned that this was reviewed by the Planning Commission which approved the development unanimously. Mr. Morgan stated that the next step would be to prepare the preliminary plat.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Peterson Development as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Staff will provide a Resolution at a later date.

PARKS DEPARTMENT - Jon Aarstad, Director.

1. Discussion - Cascade Trail.

Jon Aarstad, Parks Director, stated that he would like to proceed on the Cascade Trail project and presented four options to the Board at this time, as follows: 1) Vote on the trail based on the recommendations provided by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 2) Vote not to continue with the trail, 3) Call for a citizen's advisory vote regarding the Cascade Trail, or 4) Hold a final Public Hearing and then vote on the future of this project. Mr. Aarstad mentioned that without a decision being made, activities along this trail are unable to proceed.

A discussion ensued in this regard.

A discussion ensued in regard to the resulting actions should Skagit County divest its interest in this project.

Commissioner Anderson mentioned that in regard to the options presented, his inclination would be to choose Option #2,(not to continue with the trail), due to the lack of citizen support. Commissioner Anderson stated his preference is to support other trail projects in the County with less citizen opposition and impact on property owners.

Commissioner Wolden mentioned that there are unanswered questions and requested clarification.

Steve Colby, Parks Department Staff, reviewed the liability and legal issues involved with the trail.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wolden suggested a 30 day period to assemble additional information.

Mr. Aarstad mentioned at the Boards request, he will procure additional information and return to the Board in less than 30 days.

Randy Good, Sedro Woolley, submitted correspondence from the following, for the record, as follows:

Jon T. Aarstad	May 11, 1995
Doc Hastings	March 21, 1995
Town of Lyman	May 12, 1995
Steve Colby	May 27, 1995

2. Discussion - Centennial Trail.

Mr. Colby stated that he is working with the title company in regard to the Centennial Trail project. Mr. Colby mentioned that he is currently compiling information to be forwarded to John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, for review, at which time Mr. Colby will bring back to the Board.

A discussion ensued in this regard.

3. Discussion - Resource Lands.

Mr. Aarstad reviewed the undeveloped resource lands situation in regard to the possibility of utilizing some undeveloped lands for possible revenue generation for Capital Parks projects. Mr. Aarstad mentioned that three possible sites are 1) Cascade River, 2) Ann Wolford and 3) Sauk River.

In regard to Cascade River, Mr. Aarstad stated that this facility could be managed as a timber resource area, recommending thinning and reforestation.

Mr. Aarstad mentioned that the Ann Wolford facility could be logged, developing roads and picnic areas and an access to Highway 20. Mr. Aarstad stated that the Advisory Board should be actively involved in the this development.

Mr. Aarstad stated the third park is the Sauk River Park, mentioning that removal of blown down and dangerous trees are the priority.

Mr. Aarstad recommended that 2-3 public meetings be held prior to the commencement of these projects to allow for public review. Mr. Aarstad mentioned that he anticipates assistance from Department of Natural Resources. However, if not available, Mr. Aarstad mentioned possibly procuring outside services to assist in the planning of these projects.

The Board concurred that Mr. Aarstad should proceed with projects as presented.

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Aarstad provided a list of current projects of his department and the Committees available. Mr. Aarstad briefly reviewed the projects, mentioning the considerable number of projects versus staff available.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolder seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





Robert Hart, Chairman



Harvey Wolder, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Commissioners