

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 25, 1995:

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Flag Salute.
Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Operations Division Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors.
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning Department - Dave Hough, Director.
1) Discussion - Deliberation relating to Designation and Protection of Resource Lands.
2) Discussion - Public Involvement Education Grant Proposal.
3) Discussion - City of Anacortes Annexation.
4) Code Enforcement Report.
5) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to SCC 14.04.060 Industrial District Zoning Requirements for March Point Industrial Area, Extending the Effective Date of Interim Controls.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Parks Department - Jon Aarstad, Director.
1) Discussion - Firearms Range.
2) Signature - Resolution regarding Conway Park Camping.
3) Signature - Resolution regarding Revolving Fund for Skagit County Fair.
4) Miscellaneous.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presentation - Customer Service Action Plan for Permit Center.

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 25, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson and Harvey Wolden present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. Discussion - Deliberation relating to Designation and Protection of Resource Lands.

Dave Hough, Director, reviewed the Staff research which followed the previous Designation and Protection of Resource Lands discussion.

A discussion was held in regard to the Agricultural Reserve and the Right To Farm ordinance.

Bob Rose, Mount Vernon, discussed the Right To Farm ordinance and the Open Space designation.

Mr. Hough presented an Ordinance in this regard relating to the designation and protection of Natural Resource lands pursuant to RCW 36.70A.060.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Ordinance #15841).

2. Discussion - Public Involvement Education Grant Proposal.

Kristl Carpenter, Planning Staff, presented a request to apply for the PSWQA PIE funds to install watershed road signs in the Padilla Bay and Samish Watersheds.

Ms. Carpenter mentioned that the State did not approve installation of signs on I-5, Chuckanut Drive or State Highways for various reasons, however, signs regarding the watersheds will be posted on County roads.

Ms. Carpenter provided information in regard to the Nookachamps Watershed Action Plan Watershed Masters Program, mentioning that the goal of the program is to educate groups of volunteers about watershed management and water quality protection, and to prepare these volunteers to educate other citizens on these same subjects.

The Board commended the program and volunteer participation.

3. Discussion - City of Anacortes Annexation.

Mr. Hough mentioned that the Boundary Review Board has received a Notice of Intention from the City of Anacortes to annex 1,082 acres.

A discussion ensued in this regard.

The Board concurred that they would like to review this action and suggested that the Boundary Review Board look at this annexation.

Mr. Hough mentioned that Planning would proceed by working with the Boundary Review Board.

4. Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed.

5. Miscellaneous.

1. Oscar Graham, Planning Staff, discussed the watershed analysis project on Fir Island. Mr. Graham mentioned that there is a meeting, Wednesday evening July 26, 1995, at the Conway Fire Hall. The Board suggested that the Planning Department participate in this process.

Mr. Graham will prepare a letter for the Board's signature at a later date outlining the Planning Department's involvement plan in regard to participation in the process of the watershed analysis project.

2. A discussion was held in regard to the Regulatory Reform due dates and the request for road standard changes in rural areas.

Mr. Hough acknowledged the Regulatory Reform dates and mentioned that he would look into the road standard situation and bring the information back to the Board next week.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SCC 14.04.060 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR MARCH POINT INDUSTRIAL AREA, EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF INTERIM CONTROLS.

Dave Hough, Planning Staff, briefly reviewed the changes in the Industrial Section of the Ordinance. The changes included eliminating some retail activities and adding a provision that retail sales would be an accessory use when in conjunction to the manufacture of the product.

A discussion ensued in regard to the Interim Controls in relation to the Growth Management Act.

Chairman Hart opened the Public Hearing.

Bob Donovan, Padilla Heights, Anacortes, read a petition signed by 26 residents opposing the Interim Controls and presented the petition to the Board for review.

Gerald Steel, Friends of Skagit County, Marblemount, expressed his concern in regard to whether manufacturing areas can continue to develop without severe restrictions if sewer is not available and the potential health problems this could induce.

Russell Gibbons, Vintage Oil, Anacortes, appealed to the Board to not consider down-zoning in this area. Mr. Gibbons also presented a petition opposing the Interim Controls.

Diane Gibbons, 3811 M Avenue, Anacortes, expressed her opposition to the annexation of Anacortes.

Anthony Raab, Nielsen Brothers, owner of 50 acres in the March Point area, stated that residents have expressed confusion between the annexation, interim controls and growth management act. Mr. Raab requested that all Interim Controls be removed from the March's Point area.

Robert Whitely, South March Point Road, Anacortes, expressed his opposition to the Interim Controls.

Mike Harkey, Circus Drive Inn, Anacortes, stated his opposition to the annexation by the City of Anacortes and the Interim Controls.

It was determined that the legal publication was incorrect in regard to the Public Hearing date and specifications.

A discussion ensued and it was determined by Staff that it would be necessary to call for a new Public Hearing, due to the incorrect previously printed legal publication.

Tom Lane, 1103 18th Street, Anacortes, business owner in Summit Park, stated that regulations in which business owners must comply are already in place for sewers and questioned the necessity of additional regulations.

Commissioner Anderson discussed the effects of the growth of the area.

Ms. Gibbons expressed her disapproval of placating the City of Anacortes on these matters.

Denise Realms, Padilla Heights, inquired as zoning changes would effect the Swinomish Casino.

Del Reisner, Christenson Road, Anacortes, inquired about Commercial zoning affecting his property.

A brief discussion ensued.

Tim Riley, Padilla Heights, stated his opposition to the Interim Controls.

Florence Lohbrick, Anacortes, stated her opposition to the proposed restrictions.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to call a Public Hearing which was scheduled to be held on August 15, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PARKS DEPARTMENT - Jon Aarstad, Director.

1. Discussion - Firearms Range.

Jon Aarstad, Parks Director, presented a map, illustrating the area of the proposed Firearms Range and the development of this site.

A discussion ensued in regard to timber production in this area. Mr. Aarstad stated that the Department of Natural Resources would manage the timber on their property.

Mr. Aarstad presented a letter for the Board's signature written to the Department of Natural Resources to begin the process of reconveyance.

Mr. Aarstad mentioned he would proceed to work with the Planning Department in regard to the further development of this project.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the letter to the Department of Natural Resources as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Signature - Resolution regarding Conway Park Camping.

Mr. Aarstad presented a memo in regard to Conway Park Policies and a Resolution establishing seasonal camping at Conway Park.

Mr. Aarstad reviewed the Conway Park Policies stating that the daily camping fee will be \$5 per day. Mr. Aarstad stated that camping regulations will be 14 days camping maximum, camping in designated sites only, fires in fire pits only, all dogs must be on leash and absolutely no fireworks at anytime.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Resolution #15842.

3. Signature - Resolution regarding Revolving Fund for Skagit County Fair.

Mr. Aarstad presented a Resolution in regard to the funding of the revolving fund for the Skagit County Fair for the months of August and September of 1995 in the amount of \$35,000.

Chairman Hart made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #15843).

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Aarstad presented a memo received from Don Helwig in regard to changing the current fair dates to Wednesday, August 8 through Saturday, August 11, ~~1995~~, in response to public request. 1996

The Board concurred with the date changes.

Mr. Aarstad will present a Resolution in this regard to the Board at a later date.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented a Contract with Biwell Construction in regard to the Remodel and Addition to the Skagit County Administration Building in the amount of \$333,300. Chairman Hart made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract #02527).
2. Staff presented a two contracts with John Clancy and Keiffer Dunning of the Weehaa Theater in regard to the Best SELF Program. Commissioner Wolden made a motion approving the contracts, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John Clancy (Contract #02528). Keiffer Dunning - (Contract #02529).

PRESENTATION - CUSTOMER SERVICE ACTION PLAN FOR PERMIT CENTER.

Tom Karsh, Permit Staff, mentioned this is a continuation of the Customer Service Action Plan previously presented.

Mr. Karsh mentioned in regard to aggregation, the Permit Center will rescind requirements for the aggregation of legal created contiguous sub-standard lots. Mr. Karsh stated that this should be completed by September 1, 1995.

The Permit Center will revise zoning ordinance to allow greater flexibility for location and height of buildings without compromising life and safety. Completion date - September 1, 1995. Mr. Karsh referred to a memo sent to Dave Hough and Oscar Graham of the Planning Department on July 7, 1995, addressing Interim Regulatory Reform. A discussion followed.

The Permit Center will amend Environmental Ordinance by raising the threshold that triggers the SEPA process as follows: 1) Commercial from 4,000 sq. ft. to 12,000 sq. ft., 2) Agricultural from 10,000 sq. ft. to 30,000 sq. ft., and 3) Exempt fill resulting from an exempt building project.

Roxanne Michael, Planning Staff, mentioned that they are looking into purchasing a photocopying machine to be located in the lobby for customer access for small copying jobs. Ms. Michael mentioned that they would like to complete this project by September 1, 1995, and are researching acquisition of a copy machine.

Ms. Michael stated that the Permit Center would also like to establish internal timellnes that are reasonable but expeditious in duration for all departments and staff involved with permit application review. Ms. Michael mentioned that five (5) working days for building permits and ten (10) working days maximum for all others. Ms. Michael stated this is in effect, beginning July 1, 1995.

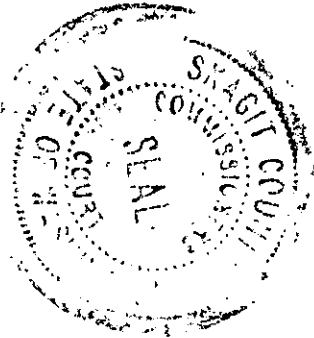
Commissioner Anderson applauded the Permit Center on their endeavors.

Bob Taylor, Administrative Coordinator, commended Tom Karsh and Roxanne Michael on their efforts to implement this action plan.

The Board concurred that the Permit Center should proceed with the implementation of the action plan as presented.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.



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ATTEST:

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