

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 10, 1995:

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. 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 - Status Report on Planning Commission Proposed Changes to draft Comprehensive Plan Text and Policies.
2) Discussion - Presentation of Draft Samish Watershed Non-Point Action Plan and Final Closure Response Strategy.
- Budget Work Sessions:
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Human Services.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Health.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Parks Projects Update.
- Budget Work Session:
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Historical Society.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present. Commissioner Harvey Wolden's absence was excused.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. **Discussion - Status Report on Planning Commission Proposed Changes to draft Comprehensive Plan Text and Policies.**

Gary Christenson, Planning Department Staff, presented an update on the activities of the Planning Commission in regard to the draft Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Christenson presented a draft document which includes Planning Commission proposed comprehensive plan text and policy changes.

Mr. Christenson stated that this is a "working copy" for the Board's review of the proposed changes and emphasized that it is not an official action by the Planning Commission. Mr. Christenson also stated that the Cities have been asked to submit their input and that the Planning Department will forward the proposed plan, including the Cities input, to the Board as soon as possible.

Chairman Hart mentioned that he would like to also review the proposed map and after review of the draft document and the map, would then respond. Chairman Hart also suggested scheduling a work session and public meeting to review and gather information from the public to review the proposed map and document in the next week or two.

Mr. Christenson stated that the working document would be available at the Permit Center counter for public review and copies would be available to the public following written request.

Anthony Raab, Nielsen Brothers, questioned whether there would be a Public Hearing. Chairman Hart stated that this would be determined after review of the document.

A work session was scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 1995, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the draft Comprehensive Plan.

2. Discussion - Presentation of Draft Samish Watershed Non-Point Action Plan and Final Closure Response Strategy.

Kraig Olason, Planning Department Staff, introduced and commended Martha Bray, who has been working on the update on Samish Watershed Plan. Ms. Bray briefly presented an overview stating that this plan has been two years in the making. Ms. Bray stated that these plans are incentive and education based, rather than regulatory. Ms. Bray reviewed the similarities and differences between this plan and others. Ms. Bray commended Bill Dewey, Taylor United, who efficiently and successfully chaired the 29 member committee that developed this plan.

Ms. Bray reported that this plan is also serving as the "Final Closure Response Strategy" to fulfill the requirements associated with the reclassification of shellfish growing waters in Samish Bay.

Ms. Bray stated that funding for this project has been provided through the Centennial Clean Water Funds.

3. Miscellaneous.

Staff presented an addendum #1 to extend the contract expiration date for Personal Services Agreement #002420 for Analyzing Water Samples submitted by the County for the Samish Watershed Intensive Stormwater Event Sampling Project. Chairman Hart made a motion to approve the addendum, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract #002420).

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented an Out-of-State Travel request for John Radzewich to attend a governmental accounting seminar in Salem, Oregon, on October 11-13, 1995, for the amount of \$210. Chairman Hart made a motion to approve the request, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Staff presented a Resolution Calling for Public Hearing in regard to the Supplemental Budget. Chairman Hart made a motion to approve the call for Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #15909).

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

Jon Aarstad, Parks Director, presented an update on various Parks Department projects.

Firearm's Range -

Mr. Aarstad presented a project schedule in regard to this project. Mr. Aarstad stated that an Environmental Impact Statement would have to be prepared in regard to this project. A discussion ensued. Mr. Aarstad reviewed various aspects involved in developing this project. Mr. Aarstad stated that the Department of Natural Resources has requested that we complete the process before reconveyance.

Mr. Aarstad stated that funding is needed in Wetland Reconnaissance and Contour & Control Survey. The Board concurred that this should be done and Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that this could be done with a Resolution for a Budget Line Item Change.

A discussion ensued in regard to allowable uses of Forestry zoned land and whether a Special Use Permit is required.

The Board expressed the urgency to move forward with this project.

Resource Management Plan -

Mr. Aarstad suggested that a professional forester be contracted to develop a resource management plan, review the plan, hold a public meeting, develop a draft for approval by the Parks & Recreation Board and the Board of Commissioners, secure the bids and then move forward with the plan. Mr. Aarstad stated that he would need to complete research in regard to fees for this type of contracting.

A discussion ensued.

The Board concurred with this anticipated plan.

Cascade Trail -

Mr. Aarstad stated that gates, padlocks, fencing, and trail signage are necessary. Mr. Aarstad requested that these improvements should be initiated as soon as possible. Commissioner Anderson expressed his disapproval of making these improvements. Mr. Aarstad stated that these improvements are liability issues. Chairman Hart stated that he has some reservations in regard to limiting access on public roadways. Steve Colby, Parks Staff, stated that there are twelve crossings. A discussion ensued in regard to the installed barriers.

Mr. Aarstad stated that Paul Reilly, Prosecuting Attorney Staff, has visited the sites and will visit other sites in the State in regard to research barriers and other items associated with the trails.

Chairman Hart stated that he would like to use the minimum amount of funds in order to maintain the trail, and did not agree to spend more money to install gates or other cost incurring devices. Chairman Hart suggested that possibly civic groups would want to put some effort and time into this project.

Mr. Aarstad stated that it is not the departments intentions of developing the trail, but to address the liability issues of the trail.

Miscellaneous -

Mr. Aarstad presented a Resolution correcting the Skagit County Fair dates of the 1996 Skagit County Fair as Wednesday, August 7, Thursday, August 8, Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10th. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution correcting the fair dates. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #15910).

Pressentin Park -

Mr. Aarstad presented plans for the proposed park at Pressentin Park and reviewed the anticipated development of the park.

Sportman's Association -

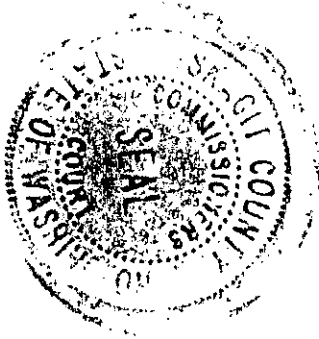
Dave Lang, President of the Association, expressed his appreciation for the help of the County and the Parks department to put this together. Mr. Lang stated that the association is growing. Carroll Dillon stated that the association is registered as a non-profit organization and now needs an official sanction for a proposed shooting range site.

Mr. Dillon stated that the unofficial studies on the Sky Ridge site seem to make it a feasible location. A discussion ensued in regard to a location for the site.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





Robert Hart, Chairman



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Commissioners