

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 6, 1996**

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7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners' Staff Meeting.

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9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Planning & Permit Center - Roxanne Michael, Director.

- 1) Discussion - Review of the Planning Commissioner's Deliberations of the Critical Areas Ordinance.
- 2) Revised Timeline for Adoption of Comprehensive Plan and Land Control Regulations.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.

1. **Discussion - Review of the Planning Commission's Deliberations of the Critical Areas Ordinance.**

Oscar Graham, Planning Staff, recapped the Planning Commission discussion from the previous evening meeting in regard to developing a schedule, as directed by the Board. Mr. Graham stated a proposal was set forth to meet every night this week, however, after some discussion it was determined to meet only Wednesday and Thursday night this week. Mr. Graham reviewed existing regulations and the fact that the County has now pursued a different course over the last year. Mr. Graham mentioned that the meeting last night consisted of much discussion in regard to the critical areas buffers and the wetlands and fish and wildlife areas. Mr. Graham reported that the discussions went well and that a lot of questions were answered. He stated that at this point, an attempt is being made to bring resource agencies into discussion and offer the Planning Commission a chance to ask questions and get technical folks response. Mr. Graham reported that there has been a very good interchange between the Commission and the technical group and that these discussions are scheduled to continue on Wednesday evening.

A discussion ensued in regard to buffer areas and the width/length and fish and wildlife areas of this issue.

Chairman Anderson inquired as to the possibility of adopting the state regulations. A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Hart mentioned his hope that legal counsel continues to be involved in the interpretation of this document from the beginning.

Tom Karsh, Assistant Director, Planning and Permit Center, discussed the two basic issues before pushing the Comp Plan forward as 1) dealing with the natural resource land ordinance, and 2) the public review of the Comp Plan. A discussion ensued.

A discussion continued in regard to the timeline and schedule.

Commissioner Hart questioned the validity of these timelines.

Mr. Karsh said that if the Comp Plan is pushed forward without utilizing new information the Growth Hearings Board will rule against the County again. Mr. Karsh mentioned that the Growth Management Act laws are complex, but that there is now better clarity of the Growth Hearing Board's direction.

Chairman Anderson stated that procedurally we must be correct. John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, replied that in the last year the County has learned a lot procedurally, stating that first you have to have critical areas and natural resource and then urban growth areas and Comp Plan - that is the sequence, and that we are now ready to move in that direction. Mr. Moffat reviewed the schedule of events, stating that from the procedural side, giving the public another opportunity to comment is a good step.

Chairman Anderson reiterated the need to be procedurally correct to eliminate the plan being invalidated because of procedure flaws and emphasized the need to do the sequencing right, taking public comment and completing the SEPA review.

Commissioner Wolden addressed the timeline issue.

Mr. Karsh reviewed a Resolution to the Board which outlined the schedule, however, after some discussion the Board concurred that this would be reviewed and signed at a later date.

Commissioner Wolden discussed the issue of clarity of how to proceed, stressing the need to get the plan in place.

2. Revised Timeline for Adoption of Comprehensive Plan and Land Control Regulations.

This item was discussed as above.

3. Miscellaneous.

1. Mr. Karsh presented a Resolution clarifying the action the Board took on December 26, 1996, regarding the Interim Zoning Ordinance which had expired on December 20, 1995.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to adopt the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #16052).

2. Mr. Karsh updated the report on the number of lots applied for since December 26, 1995.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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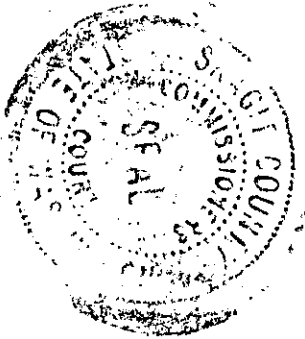
Ted W. Anderson, Chairman



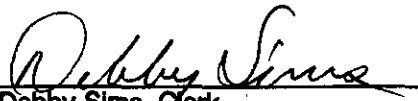
Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Robert Hart, Commissioner



ATTEST.



Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners