

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 16, 1996

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- Flag Salute.
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center - Roxanne Michael, Director.
- 1) Discussion - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request - Conway School
 File No. PL96-0099.
- 2) Discussion - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request - Clay Imhof
 Property File No. PL96-0053.
- 3) Discussion - Resource Lands Ordinance Update.
- 4) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Consideration of Resolution Concerning a Timber Open Space Application of Roland
 Arvidson for Property located at 1828 Parson Creek Road, Sedro Woolley.
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Consideration of Resolution Concerning a Timber Open Space Application of Albert Udd,
 for Property located at 1073 Josh Wilson Road, Mount Vernon.
- 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Consideration of Resolution Concerning a Timber Open Space Application of Leon Gifford
 for Property located at 5654 Rockport Cascade Road.
- 11:00 a.m. - Noon. Work Session - Draft Critical Areas Ordinance.
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Solid Waste Municipalities Committee Meeting.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden, and Robert Hart present.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER, Roxanne Michael, Director.

1. Discussion - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request - Conway School File No. PL96-0099.
- Tom Karsh, Planning, reviewed the process in making the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendments for the Board. Mr. Karsh stated that most changes are discouraged by the Department, pending the approval of the comp plan, however, the changes requested today are from property owners that have waited for a substantial amount of time. In regard to the Conway School amendment request, Mr. Karsh reported that the Department recommends that this be approved.
- Commissioner Wolden made a motion to proceed with a Resolution prepared by Staff in this regard. Commissioner Hart *seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* Gary Christenson, Planning, stated that staff will bring back a Resolution in this regard.
2. Discussion - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request - Clay Imhof Property File No. PL96-0053.
- Mr. Karsh discussed the issues involved in this request, alerting the Board that there is an Interim Ordinance in place limiting commercial or industrial property approval at this time. Mr. Karsh stated that in that regard, the Department does not recommend approval of this request. Mr. Clay Imhof, Walker Valley, stated that he has waited a considerable amount of time for this request to be processed to locate an Espresso Stand on the property and asked the Board for consideration.
- Commissioner Hart inquired as to whether this is anticipated to be included in the Urban Growth Area and Mr Christenson stated that Mr. Imhof would be able to move forward with a request for rezone once the comp plan is adopted and that rezone applications will be accepted at anytime during the year.
- A discussion ensued in regard to the process of considering the applications.
- Chairman Anderson suggested that no action be taken on this matter today, pending advice from legal counsel on procedure and time lines.
- Conditions and limitations of Special Use Permits were discussed to possibly broaden the scope for allowance of "cottage industries" in the County.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to table the request at this time. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Discussion - Resource Lands Ordinance Update.

Mr. Christenson stated that the plotter is again working and mapping is now proceeding and that because of the equipment failure, there will be a week delay, as four to five days production time in Mapping was incurred.

Mr. Christenson outlined the time line, stating that the Planning Commission will be meeting a week from Monday and that Staff will come before the Board on that Tuesday. The Board expressed their desire to alert the public to this delay.

Mr. Christenson also reported to the Board that Geomatics International has sent correspondence stating that the Kirkland office will be closed and that the offices will now be located in Canada. Mr. Christenson expressed concern in continuing a working relationship with this firm due to this change mentioning, however, that he will proceed in monitoring this issue.

4. Miscellaneous.

1. Ms. Michaels announced that there have been two in-house promotions and introduced Corey Schmidt as the Assistant Building Official and Bill Dowe as the Customer Service Manager. Ms. Michael also introduced new employees John Schmidt as the Code Enforcement Officer and Trisha Wright as Office Assistant.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING A TIMBER OPEN SPACE APPLICATION OF ROLAND ARVIDSON FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1828 PARSON CREEK ROAD, SEDRO WOOLLEY.

Grace Roeder, Planning, presented the above timber open space application as referenced above. Ms. Roeder presented photographers for the Board to review and mentioned that this is located at the intersection of the Humphrey Hill Road and Parsons Creek Road.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution #16117).**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING A TIMBER OPEN SPACE APPLICATION OF ALBERT UDD, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1073 JOSH WILSON ROAD, MOUNT VERNON.

Ms. Roeder stated that this property does not front on Josh Wilson Road, even though the address is Josh Wilson Road.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as referenced above. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution #16118).**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING A TIMBER OPEN SPACE APPLICATION OF LEON GIFFORD FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5654 ROCKPORT CASCADE ROAD.

Ms. Roeder presented the above referenced Resolution, stating that this is on the South side of the river, North side of the road. A discussion ensued in regard to the zoning of the remaining property.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution #16119).**

SOLID WASTE MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE MEETING.

Present for this meeting were Dean Maxwell, Mayor of Anacortes, Skye Richendrfer, Mayor of Mount Vernon, Terry Christiansen, Anacortes City Councilman, and the Board of County Commissioners.

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Update: Approved Solid Waste Management Plan.

Robin LaRue, Assistant Director of Public Works/Solid Waste Division Manager, presented an update in regard to the approved Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. LaRue stated that the plan has been sent to the Department of Ecology for review and that approval is anticipated by the end of May, if not before.

Discussion: City of Anacortes' request to change the language of Section 1.1.1 of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. LaRue stated that the City of Anacortes sent a letter requesting language changes to Section 1.1.1 - Role of Local Governments of the Solid Waste Management Plan to the effect that "Municipalities are authorized to independently develop, operate or contract any portion of their solid waste collection, transfer disposal and recycling programs provided such action complies with the Solid Waste Management Plan and provided municipalities remain obligated for an equitable negotiated share of ongoing expenses and previously incurred debt." Mr. LaRue stated that the City of Anacortes also requested that language be changed in Section 7.2.2 - Flow Control, that recognizes the City's authority to negotiate language in a revised interlocal agreement that would specifically allow solid waste collected in incorporated cities and town to be transported and/or disposed of at a site other than Inman Landfill or the Resource Recovery Facility.

Mayor Maxwell explained that this language was not meant to imply that the City of Anacortes had a desire to build their own facility. Commissioner Hart expressed his desire to look at every possible way to cut the cost of handling garbage. Terry Christiansen, Anacortes City Council member, commented on the proposed language, stating that the Council's intentions were to incorporate a provision now to ensure that action could be taken to decrease garbage handling fees if an opportunity became available at a later date.

Commissioner Wolden suggested that the County and Cities collaborate on a study to find the least expensive solid waste handling method. Chairman Anderson stated that he did not have a problem with the language change in respect to the City of Anacortes request and concurred that this should be broad enough to cover all the Cities. Mayor Maxwell reminded the Committee that although garbage rates are high, they are not by any means the highest in the State. Mr. Christiansen offered support of a County-wide method to reduce the cost of garbage and reiterated that the language change would be adequate to cover all the cities.

Chairman Anderson inquired as to the correct procedure to incorporate this language change into the Solid Waste Management Plan and after some discussion and it was determined that these amendments were not major enough to require the six step process involved in the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment process, however, the importance of having all the Mayors contribute input to this before proceeding.

It was concluded that Mr. LaRue would send this information to the Mayors who were not in attendance today, requesting their response on the proposed language changes as requested by the City of Anacortes and their feeling on how to proceed. Mayor Maxwell also stated that he would also contact the Mayors who were not in attendance today to explain the proposed language.

Discussion: Preparation of revised Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for a Comprehensive Solid Waste Disposal System.

Mr. LaRue presented an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Comprehensive Solid Waste Disposal System, which was signed in 1986, stating that this would need to be revised. Mr. LaRue asked for some direction in revising this agreement and Mayor Maxwell suggested that each municipality offer and return their suggested revisions to Mr. LaRue who will then proceed to develop a document incorporating suggestions.

Discussion: Reduced or free disposal of refuse by volunteer.

Mr. LaRue reported that he receives constant requests from volunteer and non-profit type organizations for free or reduced dumping. Mr. LaRue also mentioned he has received requests from citizens whose homes have burned and those who have large amounts of leftover garage sale items and stated that the issue of reduced or free dumping needs to be addressed.

Mr. LaRue estimated that approximately 70 - 100 tons of solid waste per year is this type waste. Mayor Richendfer concurred that this type of waste is a major problem for Mount Vernon and said that a tremendous effort has been made to reduce the waste and dumping from volunteer type organizations. The discussion premised on offering the services of reduced dumping costs for short periods of time.

A discussion ensued in regard to various organizations or situations that might deem individual consideration in relation to determining dumping fees, however, it was pointed out and generally agreed upon that government supports the non-profit, volunteer and non-profit organizations in many other ways throughout the year and that reducing fees to these organizations would not be necessary.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Ted W. Anderson, Chairman



Harvey Wolden, Chairman



Robert Hart, Commissioner



ATTEST.



Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners