

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 29, 1996

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Commissioner's Staff Meeting.
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T 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Emergency Management Council Meeting (Commissioner's Hearing Room).
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant for Building Expansion at Chinook Enterprises.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Discussion - Re-Addressing Concerns of Shelter Bay Community.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 29, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR BUILDING EXPANSION AT CHINOOK ENTERPRISES.

Commissioner Anderson opened the public hearing.

Paul Schissler, contracted grant writer for Skagit County, advised the Board that this public hearing is to consider submitting an application for funding for a Community Development Block Grant for building expansion at Chinook Enterprises. Mr. Schissler disbursed a fact sheet entitled "Grant Possibility Concept - Draft" which he also provided to the media regarding this project. Mr. Schissler reviewed the Community Development Block Grant program and the requirements of the State. He explained that block grant dollars can be targeted for special needs population usage, even if they are above the median income levels. These grants are awarded on a based on a competitive pool submitted to the state by many other jurisdictions. Mr. Schissler indicated that Chinook Enterprises has a strong proposal for their application and that the probability of obtaining funding is high.

Commissioner Wolden asked if a financial match was needed. Mr. Schissler replied that no match is necessary, but that in-kind services or donations assist in showing the interest within the community for such a project.

Robert Martin, Executive Director of Chinook Enterprises, thanked the Board for holding this public hearing. He introduced his Board members. Mr. Martin briefly discussed the increase in his program over the past few years and the necessity for additional space. The population being served is much more challenging than in years past and allows individuals to stay within their communities and become productive rather than be housed in State institutions. Mr. Martin advised that he has received some match money from various foundations and has promising indications of receiving additional funds.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Hart moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hart moved to support the application for CDBG funds on behalf of Chinook Enterprises to obtain funding for a future building expansion. Commissioner Wolden wholeheartedly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Schissler indicated that he would submit a Resolution for the Board's signature in the near future.

Commissioner Hart was absent for the following agenda item:

DISCUSSION - RE-ADDRESSING CONCERNS OF SHELTER BAY COMMUNITY.

Chairman Anderson opened the discussion.

Rhys Farren, an attorney with Davis Wright, Shelter Bay's general counsel, advised that he has consulted with his clients, Shelter Bay Community, Inc., and asks that the Board exempt Shelter Bay from the readdressing ordinance contained in the Skagit County Code. Mr. Farren feels that the readdressing issue is totally separate from Enhanced 911. Mr. Farren advised that 900 members of Shelter Bay have signed a petition that will be presented to the Board later during these proceedings. Mr. Farren introduced members of the Shelter Bay Board that were in attendance.

Kenyon Knopf, resident of Shelter Bay and Board member, briefly described the location of the Shelter Bay community and explained that the community is a private incorporated community, but not a municipality. Mr. Knopf advised that there are 1,400 residents of Shelter Bay. Mr. Knopf briefly described the amenities of the community. Mr. Knopf advised that the community became aware of the readdressing project this past August. Mr. Knopf noted that only two cities within the County have opted to participate in the readdressing program, that being Concrete and Lyman, and that Shelter Bay's community is as large or larger than these towns. Mr. Knopf read the petition that had been prepared, such petition being against any type of readdressing and asking for an amendment to the readdressing ordinance passed by the Board of County Commissioners in 1994.

Jillian Sanctuary, Shelter Bay Board member, reviewed the procedures used for circulating the aforementioned petition. Ms. Sanctuary stated that this project is a waste of tax dollars. Ms. Sanctuary stated that she has had contact with emergency personnel and that there have been no problems with finding addresses within Shelter Bay. Ms. Sanctuary noted that the community appreciates the emergency services that they receive and does not wish to impact these services in any way.

Don Stephens, Shelter Bay Board Member, briefly discussed modular addressing systems and the difficulties the County addressing system will create. He noted that the County system does not accommodate curved, looped streets with cul-de-sacs. The new Skagit County addressing system offers no advantage to Shelter Bay residents in Mr. Stephens' opinion.

John Near, 713 Shelter Bay Drive, LaConner, Shelter Bay Board of Directors, owns an information bureau in LaConner, and reiterated that there are no straight roads or stretches within Shelter Bay, which makes readdressing nearly impossible. The readdressing would interfere with the processes it is trying to enhance. Mr. Near suggested the use of a CD-ROM phone disk using latitude and longitude might make more sense and be more affordable at approximately \$200 with quarterly updates. He also suggested the use of "Street Wizard" in finding street addresses. In summary, Mr. Near stated that information such as aerial photography, GPS systems, databases, are available and affordable to the general public and agencies of the government.

Rhys Farren, legal counsel for Shelter Bay, briefly reviewed the plat map of Shelter Bay showing the layout of the development. Mr. Farren then reviewed basic legal challenges that the Shelter Bay community could impose against this ordinance. Mr. Farren advised his belief that there had been no prior notice to the community before August 1996. Mr. Farren cited several RCW code sections concerning the authority of the county legislative authority. Mr. Farren pointed out that all roads within Shelter Bay are private roads, not public roads belonging to the County. Mr. Farren reviewed the tenants and requirements of the Emergency Management Act, and states that the proposal of readdressing exceeds the mandates of the Emergency Management Act which is a misuse of funds. Mr. Farren recommended that Shelter Bay be granted an exemption from the addressing ordinance contained in the Skagit County Code.

Bob McDaniels, McKah Way, Shelter Bay, stated he is opposed to readdressing as it is a total waste of money. Mr. McDaniels displayed a CD-ROM of Thomas Brothers Maps which lists every street within a defined area and would possibly be a less expensive solution.

Tom Bowman, 54 Sauk Place, Shelter Bay, stated that there is no duplication of house numbers in Shelter Bay. He also stated that finding any address in the United States is possible on the internet.

Mr. Stephens noted that Newport Shores, south of Bellevue, does not use the Seattle grid numbering system.

Chairman Anderson noted that the audience prepared a fine presentation, and that the Board would not be making any type of decision today. He stated that he had learned quite a amount of information from this gathering. Chairman Anderson thanked the group for their attendance.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Ted W. Anderson, Chairman


Harvey Wolden, Commissioner


Robert Hart, Commissioner



ATTEST.


Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners