

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 12, 2000**

	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Work Session – Planning & Permit Center Work Program.
*T	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<u>Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director.</u> 1) Influenza Vaccine Update. 2) Discussion – Phase One for Operations and Maintenance of Septic Systems. 3) Miscellaneous.
*T	10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Parks Projects Update.
*T	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Proclamation – United Way Campaign in Skagit County.

The Skagit County Commissioners met in Executive Session on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Peter Browning, Director.

1. Influenza Vaccine Update.

Amie Tidrington, Health Department Staff, reported that there are delays in the receipt of this year's flu vaccine, and that the Department has received warnings of possible shortages. She explained that the vaccine manufacturers have had problems obtaining enough of a particular strain needed for this year's vaccine. She stated that the Health Department is in high hopes of receiving all of it's needed vaccine with shipment beginning the first part of October. Currently, the Health Department has no flu vaccine available. Consequently, flu clinics have been delayed, and should be scheduled in November. Ms. Tidrington reported that a flu hotline had been created, telephone 419-3315, so that citizens can call to obtain the clinic hours once the vaccine has arrived. She stated that Health Officers across the State are working to develop criteria on who should receive vaccine if there is a shortage. She reviewed those individuals who would be at highest risk. She stressed the important role of handwashing in preventing the spread of flu and colds. She reviewed a schedule of the Immunization Clinic Hours.

2. Discussion – Phase One for Operations and Maintenance of Septic Systems.

Steve Olson, Environmental Health Specialist, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Phase One of the Operations and Maintenance of Septic Systems. He reported that this would involve providing an outreach program to the public about septic systems by means of an educational campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to provide homeowners and businesses information about how septic systems work, how to monitor their function, how to maintain them to prevent problems, and how to get help with repairs. He detailed the such efforts in local newspapers, through the offering of Septics 101 Clinics, and TV, radio and public service announcements.

He introduced Jana Suchy, the artist who created the artwork for the publication to be inserted in local newspapers on September 19. Mr. Olson explained the meaning of the artwork.

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Mr. Olson detailed the content of the Septics 101 clinics to be held beginning September 20 and running through January 11, 2001. He stated that these will be held at various locations throughout Skagit County, and that approximately 50 people would be educated in each two-hour class. However, no one will be turned away from the clinics.

The Board complimented Mr. Olson on his presentation and on the beautiful artwork of Ms. Suchy.

Peter Browning, Director, stated that voluntary compliance is the goal as well as increased education.

A discussion ensued on the importance of volunteerism and education in this regard.

3. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion.

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE.

Dave Fair, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department, introduced two new employees. The first was Lauren Woodmansee, Recreation Coordinator, who spoke to the Board about her work experience. Mr. Fair next introduced Scott Green, Park Manager for Howard Miller Steelhead Park, who also reviewed his work experience and background. Mr. Fair reported on other open positions within the Department and the progress being made to fill them.

Patrik Dillon, Parks Department Staff, reported on the progress being made on the Swinomish Channel Boat Launch. He stated that he has received the lease and is processing it through legal review for eventual approval by the Commissioners. He indicated that there were only a few minor corrections needed, and that the lease should be presented to the Board within the next few weeks. He next reported on the outstanding Corps of Engineers permit, noting that he had received comments on the biological evaluation, and had had follow-up conversations with the consultant and the Corps. Once this document is approved by the Corps, it then proceeds to the National Marine Fisheries, and Fish & Wildlife. By law, Fish & Wildlife have 135 days to provide comment. He indicated that both he and the consultant are talking weekly to the Corps to try to maintain progress in this regard. Mr. Dillon stated that he has also been working with the Public Works Department on the required drainage easement for the restroom upgrades and drainfield.

Mr. Dillon next reported on the Presentin Park project, advising that a public meeting was held on August 8 to discuss the status of the project with local citizens. He stated that Commissioner Anderson was in attendance. He next discussed a required biological assessment by the Forest Service, with Forest Service staff doing the actual assessment. This assessment can then be reviewed at one of the regular meetings of the Forest Service and could be approved as early as October. Mr. Dillon stated that this would be all that would be required to complete the NEPA process. He next spoke to the road access permit and the need for some minor modifications. Mr. Dillon advised that it is anticipated that NEPA approval should be coming within the next month and then the Department can proceed with building permits.

Mr. Dillon next discussed the activities happening regarding the Northern State project. He spoke briefly about the Hansen Creek area, and some anticipated comments from the Public Works Department. He reviewed the latest copy of the wetlands delineation report, showing specific areas of determined wetlands. The next step is to determine what the implications are to the development and location of the playfields. He indicated that he would be discussing these items with the Northern State Task Force. He reported that the partnership program application is at the top of the list and would mean that the project could start in the spring, depending on funding.

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Mr. Dillon reviewed proposed improvements at the Howard Miller Steelhead Park including camping site upgrades and two new playfields. He stated that these improvements are being discussed with the new Park Manager, Scott Green.

Mr. Dillon displayed a photograph of the Skagit Valley Playfields and discussed continuing work and improvements at that location, including improved signage and bleachers.

Dennis Lind, Recreation Division, reviewed the activities of the Recreation Division during the summer. He reported that the Clear Lake Triathlon was very successful. He reported that he had been approached about hosting a state track and field meet next year, and also had a group approach him about a 2001 girls fast pitch national tournament bid. He reviewed the success of the various Youth Camps, tennis lessons, and swim lesson sessions, together with rock climbing and kayaking. He advised that the Indian Summer Softball leagues have started with 43 teams.

Mr. Lind reported that Clear Lake Swim Beach had a successful year, with revenues generated of \$24,000. He stated that the circulators have worked well.

Mr. Linda reviewed the Recreation Fall Activity Guide.

PROCLAMATION – UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN IN SKAGIT COUNTY.

Chairman Wolden read the Proclamation into the record, proclaiming United Way Campaign Months in Skagit County. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Proclamation as read, and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Paul Chaplik, Executive Director, thanked the Board for attending the United Way Kick-Off Breakfast last Friday. There were over 100 people from Skagit County there, including business people and volunteers. He described the various services provided by United Way service providers. In Skagit County, the goal for this year is to raise \$700,000 that will support local health and human services agencies.

The Board viewed a video about United Way.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff presented a Call for Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant application of the Skagit County Community Action Agency. The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 25, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented, and Chairman Wolden seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17994)**

ADJOURNMENT.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
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