

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, March 21, 2001**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
11:30 a.m. – Noon	Decision – Issuance of Dance Hall License for Salon Mexico, 17910 Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon.
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Public Transportation Area Board Meeting (Port of Skagit County).
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Regional Transportation Area Board Meeting (Port of Skagit County).
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Skagit Council of Governments Meeting (Port of Skagit County).

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Don Munks, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

DECISION – ISSUANCE OF DANCE HALL LICENSE FOR SALON MEXICO, 17910 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, MOUNT VERNON.

Commissioner Munks moved to allow a 30-day conditional use, conditions being one evening use per week, either Friday or Saturday, ending no later than 12:00 p.m. midnight. Noise levels will be controlled by the owner and will be monitored by the Skagit County Health Department, meeting county noise standards. Parking and traffic flow must not impact private property or safety standards. The owner will be responsible for patrons inside and outside of the premises during functions. On-site security during functions shall be provided by the owner. Any further use must also include an approved State Transportation Plan from Washington Department of Transportation for the proposed activity with concurrence from adjoining business owners.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt.

Upon query from Commissioner Dahlstedt, Sheriff Ed Goodman stated that he believed that the Permittee would have to request from the State an appropriate method of ingress and egress. He also clarified that the Owner would need to obtain concurrence with adjoining business owners and across the street, for permission to park cars at their locations.

Sheriff Goodman stated that his biggest concern is the traffic flow since this business is located along a State Highway, with the building situated close to the road.

Commissioner Munks reported that many comments were received prior to, during and after the public hearing and that the Board is trying to address those concerns while being fair with the Owner.

Sheriff Goodman confirmed with the owner of Salon Mexico, Angelica Cruz, that there would only be alcohol-free events, with no alcohol inside or outside, and zero tolerance. Ms. Cruz nodded her head in agreement.

Commissioner Dahlstedt emphasized that midnight means midnight, and that the Board will review the situation following the 30-day period.

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Upon query from Staff, Commissioner Munks amended his motion to limit the activity to four weekend events within a 30-day period, and that the events would be "alcohol-free." Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the amendment to the original motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Anderson stated that decisions such as this are difficult, but that the Board was trying to find middle ground with the surrounding citizens and the business owner. He asked Ms. Cruz for some concurrence that this proposal is acceptable to her. Ms. Cruz indicated that the parameters were acceptable to her.

Upon the call for the question, the motion with its amendments passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners