

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2001**

- \*T** 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division Manager/District  
Maintenance Supervisors
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director
1. Public Hearing – Consider Adoption of the 2002-2007 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
  2. Discussion/Possible Action – Request for Permission to Place Guemes Island Community Sign at Skagit County Guemes Ferry Terminal.
  3. Signature – Resolution in Support of the License Renewal and Continued Operation of the Baker Lake Project.
  4. Miscellaneous.
- \*T** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director
1. Announcement of Three Planning & Permit Center Employees recently certified members of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).
  2. Review and Possible Action on Planning Commission Recommendations on “90-day Compliance Issues” in Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board Case Nos. 00-2-0046c, 00-2-0049c, and 00-2-0050c.
  3. Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution Supplementing Resolution No. 18081 which invoked the Housing Cooperation Law to Facilitate Development of the Skagit County Housing Authority’s Raspberry Ridge Multi-Family Farm Worker Housing Project.
  4. Discussion – Forest Practices Citizens Advisory Committee.
  5. Miscellaneous.
- \*T** 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentation – Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program
- \*T** 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Work Session – Skagit River Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project Update
- \*T** 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Work Session – Similk Beach Sewage Project Update

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Don Munks present.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director**

1. **Public Hearing – Consider Adoption of the 2002-2007 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.**

Steve Flude, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the Board with the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for review and action. A public meeting was held for citizen input as well as a work session with the County Commissioners. Mr. Flude said they received three comments from various citizens. Those concerns have been addressed.

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing. As no testimony was forthcoming, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Munks moved to adopt the 2002-2007 TIP and Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. **Discussion/Possible Action – Request for Permission to Place Guemes Island Community Sign at Skagit County Guemes Ferry Terminal.**

Mr. Flude reviewed a petition requesting the placement of a community message sign on Skagit County Property located at the ferry terminal on the Anacortes side. The sign would provide messages from Guemes Island residents concerning public safety, environmental protection, and other items of concern.

Traffic Engineering met with the Guemes Island Property Owners Association and Skagit County Ferry personnel to determine the proper placement of the sign.

Chairman Anderson asked if the sign fell within the guidelines of the City of Anacortes' sign ordinance.

Mr. Flude said they would check with the City to make sure the sign complies with their ordinance.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the installation of the community identification sign if approved by the City of Anacortes. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. **Signature – Resolution in Support of the License Renewal and Continued Operation of the Baker Lake Project.**

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, brought to the Board a Resolution affirming their support for the re-licensing of the Baker River Project. A draft resolution was discussed at a work session on Monday, July 23. In addition to flood storage and power generation, the revised resolution indicates the interest of Skagit County residents in the recreation and water resource management aspects of the project. The Resolution, when approved, will be sent on to the Baker River Project Re-license Team to be considered the official Skagit County Interest Statement

Mr. Brookings then read the Resolution in its entirety.

Commissioner Dahlstedt asked to have the word "agriculture" included in the second to last paragraph. The amended paragraph would read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Skagit County supports the Re-licensing of the Baker Lake Project for operation in a manner that provides for no net loss of flood control storage without downstream flood mitigation, maintains recreational opportunities, protects the ability of downstream users to secure and maintain water rights for residential, commercial, **agricultural** and salmon restoration uses, and continues to provide affordable and reliable energy.

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Commissioner Munks moved to approve the Resolution with the addition of the word “agriculture” added. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18354)**

4. **Miscellaneous.**

There were no miscellaneous items.

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director**

1. **Announcement of Three Planning & Permit Center Employees recently certified members of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).**

Tom Karsh, Director of the Planning & Permit Center, announced that three employees of the Skagit County Planning & Permit Center recently became certified members of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). The employees are: Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, Community Development Division; Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, Community Planning Division; Guy McNally, Associate Planner, Community Planning Division.

Mr. Karsh went on to explain that only 14,000 planners hold AICP certification nationwide. It requires specific education and experience plus passing a rigid examination in planning.

Planners work with communities to help them identify and solve land-use, economic and social problems. They oftentimes act as advisors to elected officials and citizens who serve on zoning boards and commissions. Certification ensures that a planner meets the highest standards in the planning profession.

The Board then congratulated the employees on their accomplishment and acknowledged the increased benefit to the citizens of Skagit County in having such qualified individuals on staff.

2. **Review and Possible Action on Planning Commission Recommendations on “90-Day Compliance Issues” in Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board Case Nos. 00-2-0046c, 00-2-0049c, and 00-2-0050c.**

Chairman Anderson told Mr. Karsh that the Board received the package of materials on the 90-Day Compliance Issues on Friday evening. He and the other two Commissioners have not had a chance to look over all of the recommendations. They would have preferred a synopsis of the contents.

Mr. Karsh replied that there are only a couple of items in the packet that the Commissioners have not previously seen. However, his department will put together a narrative regarding the changes that have been made and have them to the Board within the next day or two.

Commissioner Munks said he has a number of questions and would like a chance to get some answers to those questions before taking action. He does not want to participate in any in-depth conversation until he reads the information.

John Moffat, Civil Prosecuting Attorney, told the Board that a decision would need to be made before the August 27 deadline with the Growth Management Hearings Board.

It was decided to schedule another meeting on August 20 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the Planning Commission’s recommendations on the 90-Day compliance issues.

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3. **Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution Supplementing Resolution No. 18081 which invoked the Housing Cooperation law to Facilitate Development of the Skagit County Housing Authority’s Raspberry Ridge Multi-Family Farm Worker Housing Project.**

Mr. Karsh presented a supplement to Resolution No. 18081 to the Board, which invoked the Housing Cooperation law to facilitate development of the Skagit County Housing Authority’s Raspberry Ridge multi-family farm worker housing project. He explained that Resolution No. 18081 included language that intended to recognize a Special Use Permit application that vests the Raspberry Ridge Multi-Family Farm worker Housing Project to Title 14 of the Skagit County Code. Title 14 of the code which was in effect at the time of application submittal, did not include Chapter 14.34, Flood Damage Prevention.

Due to the fact that Title 15, Chapter 20, the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was in effect at the time Raspberry Ridge applied for the special use permit, the Board wishes to waive the requirements found in Title 14.34 Skagit County Code in favor of the provisions previously adopted under Title 15.20 Skagit County code.

Commissioner Munks moved to approve the supplemental Resolution and Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18355)**

4. **Discussion – Forest Practices Citizens Advisory Committee.**

Kendra Smith, Assistant Director of the Planning & Permit Center, explained that they received a total of fourteen applications for the Forest Practice Citizen Advisory Committee. She would like the Board to submit a list of names from the packet by the end of the week.

Commissioner Anderson said it is important to have representation from the forest industry.

Ms. Smith said staff would present a Resolution for signature next week, which would include the names of the appointed members

5. **Miscellaneous**

There were no miscellaneous items.

**PRESENTATION – BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS PROGRAM**

Hollis Bredeweg, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters, introduced himself and Michelle Barnes, Program Coordinator. He explained to the Board that growing up has gotten very difficult. Every child is at risk whether they are from a multi-family or single-family household, whether they are from Mount Vernon or Concrete, or from an urbanized area or rural area. The issue is to cut the risks and give kids reasons to thrive and succeed. Some children have no family support and become isolated. If they don’t have an adult to talk to, they talk to other kids. When peers talk to peers, they get naïve clarity.

The core to this program is community based mentoring. An adult volunteer is matched one-to-one with a child who shares interests and activities, offers friendship, increases a child’s self-esteem and is a positive role model. You must be able to spend at least 2-4 times per month with the child for at least six months, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver’s license and auto insurance, and must complete the required application process.

The second part of the program is school based mentoring. The program goal is to match elementary students who have been referred by school staff with volunteers from local businesses and the community. Mentors will be helping youth become more successful students and productive citizens, help them to stay in school, and to set goals for their future through positive mentoring. The site-based program is intended to support school personnel. They rely on teacher recommendations for how the volunteers can best benefit the students. Anyone can volunteer who has an interest in working with a student, such as high school or

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college students, business people, community members, home-makers, or retirees. You need only give one hour of your time per week and will be matched with a student based on compatible interests coupled with an assessment of the strengths of the volunteer and the needs of the student.

Mr. Bredeweg asked the Board for their support and encouragement to help the next generation succeed. The telephone number of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is 360/707-0404.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners