

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

- \*T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      Planning & Permit Center – Gary Christensen, Director
1.      Set a Date and Time for consideration of the Planning Commission Recommendations Regarding the 2003 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Applications
  2.      Consideration and Possible Action – Resolution Regarding the Department of Ecology Loan (L0100017) for the Edison Sub-Area Clean Water District Repayment Assessment
  3.      Miscellaneous
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Purpose Program Application
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      Approval of Washington State Economic Revitalization Team (WACERT) by the Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – GARY CHRISTENSEN, DIRECTOR**

**1.      Set a Date and Time for Consideration of the Planning Commission Recommendations Regarding the 2003 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Applications.**

Planning & Permit Center Director, Gary Christensen requested that a date and time be set to consider recommendations by the Skagit County Planning Commission for the 2003 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Jeroldine Hallberg, Associate Planner, reviewed the applications that were deemed controversial, as asked by Chairman Anderson.

Commissioner Munks motioned to set Monday, November 8, 2004, at 1:30 as the time to consider the Skagit County Planning Commission recommendations for the 2003 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt, and passed unanimously.

**2.      Consideration and Possible Action – Resolution Regarding the Department of Ecology Loan (L0100017) for the Edison Sub-Area Clean Water District Repayment Assessment.**

Mr. Christensen introduced Allison Mohns, who presented a Resolution authorizing the repayment of the Department of Ecology's Loan #L0100017 of \$50,000 by the Edison Clean Water Sub-Area District. She indicated that there would be yearly assessments of \$40 per connection for a period of nineteen and a half years or sooner, depending upon the amount of funds collected.

Commissioner Munks made a motion to approve the Resolution as outlined by Ms. Mohns. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20040387)**

**3.      Miscellaneous.**

A)      Mr. Christensen announced that on Wednesday, November 3, 2004, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. an open house is planned regarding the Fidalgo Island Sub-Area Plan. It will take place at Fidalgo

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Elementary School and the public is welcome to attend and obtain an overview of the Plan. Mr. Christensen said Planning & Permit Center staff and a representative from the consulting firm of Berryman & Henigar will be available for questions.

Chairman Anderson noted that Commissioner Munks will be there representing the Board of County Commissioners.

- B) Mr. Christensen said Mr. Ken Howard has submitted a letter of resignation from the south Fidalgo Citizen's Advisory Committee, as he has relocated to Alaska. Mr. Howard recommended Mr. Mike Trafton to replace him on the Committee. Mr. Christensen said he has conversed with Commissioner Munks about the appointment, and wanted to confer with the other two County Commissioners.

Commissioner Munks said they try to make sure there is a balance and thereby request and appoint members that have a wide range of experience. With that said, Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the appointment of Mike Trafton to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ken Howard. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(A Resolution will be provided at a later date)**

- C) Mr. Christensen next update the Board on the Growth Management Act – 2005 Update process. He said a 15-member steering committee has been appointed to assist the Department in that effort. The first meeting was held on September 30, 2004, and after introductions were made, the group began brainstorming the issues. A second meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Christensen said he is quite pleased with the selection of the Committee.
- D) Mr. Christensen advised the Board that the County is continuing to work with the City of Sedro-Woolley to find a home for Janicki Industries. A Memorandum of Understanding was entered into yesterday, which supports the annexation request of several hundred acres of land. Janicki Industries is hoping to construct a 43,000 square foot building on an existing site. Mr. Christensen said he obtained information that the initial development could create approximately 270 jobs. This annexation request will be brought before the Boundary Review Board on November 15, 2004.

Chairman Anderson said he appreciates the support of fellow Commissioners Dahlstedt and Munks, as well as the City, Mr. Christensen, and Public Works staff.

**PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) GENERAL PURPOSE PROGRAM APPLICATION.**

Paul Schissler, of Schissler and Associates, announced that an interpreter was present for the public hearing and provided handouts of both English and Spanish for those in the audience.

Mr. Schissler stated that the Community Development Block Grant concept is to acquire and renovate real property for the expansion of the Skagit County Family Resource Center, located at 330 Pacific Place in Mount Vernon. Projects must principally benefit low-income households and, as a result, benefit the entire community. Mr. Schissler said this general purpose grant program is a competitive, statewide process using Federal CDBG funds, up to \$1,000,000 per municipality per application round.

Mr. Schissler advised that if a grant was awarded, the CDBG funds would be administered by the County and would contribute to the cost of acquisition and renovation of a multi-agency, shared use facility. Renovations and improvements may include the addition of windows and doors to existing buildings, the acquisition and construction of a modular classroom facility, and parking improvements.

Mr. Schissler said the timing is off to apply for the project this year as the cut-off date is November 15, 2004. An application will be sent in November, 2005.

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Chairman Anderson said he is very supportive of the idea. Commissioner Munks added that without the Family Resource Center, Community Action and all of the other nonprofit agencies, the County couldn't afford to provide the services that they offer. Commissioner Dahlstedt said it is important to remember that Skagit County is projected to grow by another 50,000 people in the next 20 years. Therefore, there is an opportunity, which he approves, to plan ahead and be prepared by acquiring adjacent property around the Family Resource Center.

Joan Martin, Mount Vernon, said the Resource Center is stretched beyond their limits.

Karen Parnell, Deputy Director for Skagit County Community Action Agency, said she is anxious for the accessibility issues to be addressed with several buildings.

Director, Bill Shuler, added that they are definitely in a cramped space. He said time was of the essence and a new structure with a second floor would be wise in order to meet future needs.

There being no further public testimony, Commissioner Munks moved to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution with certifications of compliance authorizing a Community Development Block Grant Application, as outlined by Mr. Schissler. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20040388)**

**APPROVAL OF WASHINGTON STATE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TEAM (WA-CERT)  
BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY (EDASC).**

Don Wick, Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, spoke of three projects that he thinks should be included in the prioritization list for the Washington State Economic Revitalization Team. They are the Hamilton Flood Mitigation Project, the expansion of Skagit Adult Day Care, and the expansion of the Skagit Family Resource Center. Mr. Wick also noted that it is possible that a fourth project will be added to the list. The project would involve a feasibility study for an agricultural incubator, requested by the Skagit County Extension Agency.

According to Mr. Wick, he will bring forth a formal prioritization list to the Board within the next few weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Commissioner Munks made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

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Don Munks, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board  
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