

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval For the Following Timber Open Space Applications:

1. Douglas and Patty Steineke For Tract 38 of Bacus Hill Located Within Section 12, Township 35 North, Range 5 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#1-2005)
2. Kay Meddleton Meyer For Property Located Within the SE ¼ of Section 8, Township 35, Range 11 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#5-2004)
3. Daniel and Tricia Ray For Property Located Within the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 9 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#6-2004)
4. Robert Muller For Property Located Within a Portion of the NE 1/4, of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 34, Range 2 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#7-2004)
5. Parviz "Bryan" Kazem and Michelle Kazem For a Portion of Lot 1, Short Plat #PL02-0011 Located Within Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 4 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#8-2004)
6. Carol Ann Carnahan For a Portion of Lot 3 Located Within Section 24, Township 35, Range 8 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#9-2004)
7. Melissa Spaulding For a Portion of Tract 2, Revised Short Plat #138-79 Located Within Section 33, Township 36, Range 4 East, W.M. (C/U OS#11-2004)

Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval For the Following Open Space Application:

1. Daniel Rasar, Trustee of Rasar Fisheries For Property Located in the Bay View Area Within Section 5, Township 35 North, Range 3 East, W.M. (C/UOSTR#1-2005)

***T** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Discussion – Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapters For the 2005 Growth Management Act Update

***T** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Planning and Development Services – Gary Christensen, Director

1. Set Date and Time to Consider Final Plat Approval for Plat of Lekcinton Acres (PL03-0319) Submitted by Glen and Karen Nickel
2. Discussion/Possible Action – 2005 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Proposal Affecting Earnst Property
3. Discussion – Grant Application to Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development for 2005 Growth Management Act Update Grant
4. Discussion – Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan Deliberation Schedule and Public Comments
5. Miscellaneous

***T** 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Discussion – Interlocal Agreement with Cities Regarding Library Service

***T** 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presentation – 2005 Skagit County Fair

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The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, with Commissioners Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

CONSIDERATION OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING TIMBER OPEN SPACE APPLICATIONS:

1. Douglas and Patty Steineke For Tract 38 of Bacus Hill Located Within Section 12, Township 35 North, Range 5 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#1-2005) **(Resolution No. R20050325)**
2. Kay Meddleton Meyer For Property Located Within the SE ¼ of Section 8, Township 35, Range 11 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#5-2004) **(Resolution No. R20050326)**
3. Daniel and Tricia Ray For Property Located Within the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 35 North, Range 9 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#6-2004) **(Resolution No. R20050327)**
4. Robert Muller For Property Located Within a Portion of the NE 1/4, of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 34, Range 2 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#7-2004) **(Resolution No. R20050328)**
5. Parviz "Bryan" Kazem and Michelle Kazem For a Portion of Lot 1, Short Plat #PL02-0011 Located Within Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 4 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#8-2004) **(Withheld Pending Further Information)**
6. Carol Ann Carnahan For a Portion of Lot 3 Located Within Section 24, Township 35, Range 8 East, W.M. (C/U TMB#9-2004) **(Resolution No. R20050329)**
7. Melissa Spaulding For a Portion of Tract 2, Revised Short Plat #138-79 Located Within Section 33, Township 36, Range 4 East, W.M. (C/U OS#11-2004) **(Resolution No. R20050330)**

Linda White, Current Use Specialist of the Assessor's Office, was present to answer questions.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Timber Open Space applications #1-4 and #6-7 as outlined. Chairman Munks seconded the motion, which carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING OPEN SPACE APPLICATION:

1. Daniel Rasar, Trustee of Rasar Fisheries For Property Located in the Bay View Area Within Section 5, Township 35 North, Range 3 East, W.M. (C/UOSTR#1-2005) **(Resolution No. R20050331)**

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Open Space application by Daniel Rasar. The motion was seconded by Chairman Munks, and passed.

DISCUSSION – DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPTERS FOR THE 2005 GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT UPDATE.

Gary Christensen, Director of Planning and Development Services, introduced the Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapters for the 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Update. He made comments in regards to the notebook that was put together by his staff and advised the Board that the document is only a draft and is subject to change before being released to the public for comments.

Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, provided a brief summary of the chapters.

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Guy McNally, Associate Planner, explained that the draft Natural Resource Conservation Element reflects, primarily, the recommendations of three groups:

1. Forest Advisory Board
2. Agricultural Advisory Board/Conservation Futures Committee
3. Ad-hoc Mineral Lands Committee

Mr. Christensen advised the Board that the Department would re-appear before them with a map showing all changes.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – GARY CHRISTENSEN, DIRECTOR

1. Set Date and Time to Consider Final Plat Approval for Plat of Lekcinton Acres (PL03-0319), Submitted by Glen and Karen Nickel.

Marge Swint, Associate Planner, requested that a date and time be set for a public meeting to consider the final plat approval for Lekcinton Acres, submitted by Glen and Karen Nickel.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve holding a public meeting on Monday, September 19, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. Chairman Munks seconded the motion, which carried.

2. Discussion/Possible Action – 2005 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Proposal Affecting Earnst Property.

Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, gave a brief background of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment proposal affecting the Earnst Property. He said that last fall; Dr. Steven Johnson submitted a Comprehensive Plan Map amendment to remove property owned by his neighbor, Keith Earnst, from the northern portion of the Mount Vernon UGA (Urban Growth Area), which is immediately adjacent to Dr. Johnson's property. Mr. Johnson said that according to Mr. Earnst, the applicant did not notify him of the application.

Mr. Johnson stated that Planning and Development Services forwarded the proposal to the City of Mount Vernon for review and a recommendation. He also said that Mr. Earnst learned of the proposal and contacted the City and asked that it be removed from their agenda because of his objections. Mr. Johnson went on to say that the City did drop the proposal from further consideration; however, Mr. Earnst also contacted the County Planning Department and also asked them to drop the proposal. The Planning Department informed Mr. Earnst that they would not be able to proceed with his request without prior approval from the Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson said that by removing the Earnst Property proposal from the 2005 GMA update docket at this time would depart from the County's normal docketing procedure for Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposals.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to remove the Comprehensive Plan amendment proposal. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Discussion – Grant Application to the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) for 2005 Growth Management Act Update Grant.

Mr. Christensen discussed a letter written to CTED that was signed by Commissioner Munks. Mr. Christensen said he wanted the public to know that state funds will be used to assist the Department in the 2005 GMA update. He also said that these funds will be used to offset consultant costs for the project.

4. Discussion – Bay View Ridge Subarea Plan Deliberation Schedule and Public Comments.

Jeroldine Hallberg, Associate Planner, presented the Bay View Ridge Subarea Plan and provided comments that were received, in addition to a summary list of those citizens who commented. Ms. Hallberg asked the Board to set a date and time for deliberations for the Bay View ridge Subarea Plan.

Ric Boge, Surface Water Manager, confirmed that progress is being made on the Bay View Ridge Stormwater Plan and explained that a draft is now 95% complete. Mr. Boge said he is hopeful that it will soon be available for distribution.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that the issue needs to move forward in order to have adequate housing for people locating to Skagit County.

Commissioner Munks agreed but said he is still concerned about the Stormwater Plan.

Mr. Christensen said he would let the Commissioners decide when to bring the issue before them again.

5. Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Christensen updated the Board on the transfer of development rights and informed them that a committee has been reviewing proposals from a number of consultants. He said three finalists have been selected.
- B. Ms. Hallberg updated the Board on the Alger Citizen's Advisory Committee and said they have received 25 applications for the nine positions available. She provided a list of the applicants, including key facts about each of them, and asked the Commissioners to be a part of the decision making process.

DISCUSSION – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITIES REGARDING LIBRARY SERVICES.

Christine Perkins, Director of the Burlington Library, made introductions and shared stories with the Board from citizens that have enjoyed the library. Ms. Perkins reviewed services that the existing libraries offer and spoke about opportunities for increased interlocal collaboration.

The County's four large cities each have a city-funded library district that includes all the land in the school district. The Upper Skagit Library District includes the entire Concrete School District, except the Town of Concrete itself, which has a small library of their own. The current setup leaves thousands of rural residents without a library system. Those people must get nonresident cards if they want to check out books, although many people come in to libraries and use the services without getting cards. Ms. Perkins said there are 3,310 nonresident cards issued to families in Skagit County.

Brian Soneda, Director of the Mount Vernon Library, indicated that the ultimate goal is to create a single card that would allow borrowers to use any library in Skagit County.

The Commissioners thanked those in attendance and indicated that the County's budget process is still in its early stages.

PRESENTATION – 2005 SKAGIT COUNTY FAIR.

Fair Manager Audrey Smith and Jerry Kaufman explained to the Board how successful the 2005 Skagit County Fair was. Ms. Smith provided comparisons to the 2003 and 2004 Skagit County Fairs, including information regarding attendance and revenues.

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Ms. Smith then presented the Commissioners with ties sporting the Skagit County Fair logo. She also presented a letter addressed to Billie Kadrmas, Personnel Director, thanking her for all her efforts in making Skagit County a better place to live.

Chairman Munks and Commissioner Dahlstedt both thanked Ms. Smith for her hard work and dedication in making the 2005 Fair successful.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Melissa Collins, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners