

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006**

- \*T 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Presentation – Tulip Town Peace Gardens
- \*T 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Decision - Closed Record Appeal No. PL06-0573 Submitted by Jerry VanderVeen of Special Use Request No. PL05-0173 and Reconsideration Request No. PL06-0271 Submitted by Wireless Facilities, Inc. on Behalf of Cingular Wireless
- \*T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director
1. Discussion – Timeline for Solid Waste Request for Proposals
  2. Discussion – Guemes Ferry Schedule During Rush Hours
  3. Discussion – Engineering Division Projects Update
  4. Miscellaneous
- \*T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Health Department – Peter Browning, Director
1. Discussion – Nurse Family Partnership – A New Science-Based Program for New Mothers
  2. Discussion – Current Tuberculosis Cases and Their Fiscal and Societal Impact
  3. Discussion – Water Code Citizen’s Advisory Committee
  4. Discussion – Sewage Code Update and Management Plan
  5. Miscellaneous
- \*T 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Planning and Development Services – Gary Christensen, Director
1. Closed Record Meeting – Final Plat Approval for Plat of The Glade at Thomas Creek (PL05-0093) Submitted by Alan and Brenda Thomas
  2. Discussion - 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Update Status Report
  3. Discussion – Fidalgo Island Subarea Plan Community Planning Process
  4. Discussion – Critical Areas Update
  5. Miscellaneous
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Presentation – Wetland Mitigation Bank by the Department of Ecology

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson and Don Munks present.

**PRESENTATION – TULIP TOWN PEACE GARDENS.**

Jeanette and Tom DeGoede of Mount Vernon gave a brief presentation to the Board on the Tulip Town Peace Gardens and explained the history of the tulip bulb and flower.

The DeGoede’s shared a watercolor painting of the proposed Peace Gardens with the Commissioners and explained the cost of the project.

**DECISION – CLOSED RECORD APPEAL NO. PL06-0573 SUBMITTED BY JERRY VANDERVEEN OF SPECIAL USE REQUEST NO. PL05-0173 AND RECONSIDERATION REQUEST NO. PL06-0271 SUBMITTED BY WIRELESS FACILITIES, INC. ON BEHALF OF CINGULAR WIRELESS.**

Commissioner Anderson stated that Wireless Facilities, Inc., on behalf of New Cingular Wireless, submitted an application for a special use permit to install a wireless telecommunications antenna on a Puget Sound Energy (PSE) power pole on Mountain View Road to provide cellular telephone coverage in a gap along Highway 9. He said that Wireless Facilities treated the installation as a “co-location” in their application and Planning accepted this characterization, and the Skagit County Hearing Examiner approved the application on March 7, 2006.

Commissioner Anderson went on to say that on reconsideration, the Hearing Examiner agreed with the appellant, Jerry VanderVeen, that the installation was not a co-location. He said that this conclusion is supported by several facts, including: (1) the PSE power pole is not currently being used for telecommunications purposes and (2) a new 60-foot pole will be installed in a new location to accommodate Cingular’s telecommunications antennas.

Commissioner Anderson said the confusion is surrounding the co-location issue caused the Hearing Examiner and Planning Department to miss a mandatory requirement for new wireless towers:

*“Applicant’s site plan **shall** reserve an area for other providers’ equipment near the base of the Applicant’s tower; and the site plan **must** propose space for a minimum of 1 additional provider” SCC 14.16.720(6)(c)(i) and (ii).*

Commissioner Anderson continued by stating Wireless Facilities only provides space for Cingular’s telecommunications equipment and the application indicates that PSE will not approve the installation of any antennas other than those identified in the application. The application does not appear to comply with the mandatory requirements for a second provider’s equipment under section 720(6)(c) and no one addressed this requirement during the application process.

With that said, Commissioner Anderson motioned to remand the application back to the Hearing Examiner for reconsideration of the application in light of all applicable requirements. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR**

**1. Discussion – Timeline for Solid Waste Request for Proposals.**

Dave Brookings, Natural Resource Director, advised the Board he felt the Request for Proposals (RFP) is now ready for distribution. He briefly described the proposed timeline and distribution of the Solid Waste RFP for the Board’s consideration.

The Commissioners’ thanked the Public Works staff for their hard work and advised Mr. Brookings to move forward.

**2. Discussion – Guemes Ferry Schedule During Rush Hours.**

Steve Cox, Guemes Island Ferry Manager, discussed the ferry schedule currently in place during rush hours and the effects it has on the traffic during those busy times.

**3. Discussion – Engineering Division Projects Update.**

Assistant Public Works Director/County Engineer, Janice Marlega, provided the Board with photos of the construction projects done this summer by Public Works staff, which have been completed or are currently being worked on.

**4. Miscellaneous.**

There were no Public Works miscellaneous items.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR**

**1. Discussion – Nurse Family Partnership – A New Science-Based Program for New Mothers.**

Jennifer Sass-Walton, Child & Family Health Nursing Supervisor, shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP). She explained that Skagit County Public Health is the 7<sup>th</sup> County in Washington to implement this research-based home visitation program.

Ms. Sass-Walton said the NFP provides intensive home visiting services for low-income, first-time mothers. She went on to say mothers enroll before their 28<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy and meet with the nurse every 1-2 weeks until their child turns two.

Ms. Sass-Walton stated NFP has been proven to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development as well as improve families' economic self-sufficiency.

**2. Discussion – Current Tuberculosis Cases and Their Fiscal and Societal Impact.**

Sandi Paciotti, Nursing Supervisor, gave a brief summary of the costs and potential impact on our community resulting from three infectious Tuberculosis cases and in particular, one related to hospital and nursing home exposures.

**3. Discussion – Water Code Citizen's Advisory Committee.**

Corrine Story, Environmental Health Supervisor, stated a few applications for serving on the Citizen's Advisory Committee have been received for the Phase 1 revision to Skagit County Code 12.48.

Ms. Story said her office hopes to have representatives from all stakeholder groups by the deadline for a presentation to the Board.

**4. Discussion – Sewage Code Update and Management Plan.**

Ms. Story explained that much of the work regarding the local management plan and identifying Marine Recovery Areas fits well into the work that is well under way via their Operations and Maintenance Program, which is headed by Steve Olson.

Ms. Story said they received just over \$71,000 via a State appropriation for implementing these efforts by July 1, 2007. She also stated they are attempting to complete this work with their existing staff.

**5. Miscellaneous.**

Peter Browning, Director, noted a PanFlu forum will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – GARY CHRISTENSEN, DIRECTOR**

**1. Closed Record Meeting – Final Plat Approval for Plat of The Glade at Thomas Creek (PL05-0093) Submitted by Alan and Brenda Thomas.**

Marge Swint, Associate Planner, explained that this is an 8 lot Administrative Long CaRD allowing for the division of approximately 40 acres into eight (8) lots for residential development. She said the proposal includes seven (7) one-acre lots and one 33-acre lot with a development right and the remaining acreage as Open Space-Rural Open. She stated an internal private plat road, onsite sewage, and a public water system will serve the project.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the Final Plat as outlined by Ms. Swint. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried. **(Resolution No. R20060278)**

**2. Discussion - 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Update Status Report.**

Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, explained that the Planning Commission will begin its deliberations on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, addressing agriculture and agriculture lands issues. He said those deliberations will continue on Thursday, August 17, 2006, if necessary to complete that particular subject matter and forestry issues will follow the next week, with final action by the end of the year.

**3. Discussion – Fidalgo Island Subarea Plan Community Planning Process.**

Jeroldine Hallberg, Associate Planner, advised the Board that Bill Grimes with Studio Cascade was selected for the South Fidalgo Subarea Plan Community Planning Process. She explained that Studio Cascade has an extensive background working with communities in Whatcom County and eastern Washington.

Ms. Hallberg said that Bill Grimes' work is characterized by an active outreach and participation style that should be well-suited to Skagit County and the various citizen groups, which should help the community reach a broadly supported solution.

Mr. Grimes gave a PowerPoint presentation on the South Fidalgo Subarea Plan at which time a brief discussion took place.

**4. Discussion – Critical Areas Update.**

Oscar Graham, Deputy Director, gave details to the Board on the progress of the 2006 Critical Areas Ordinance Update. He said Planning and Development Services is moving into the final "adoption steps".

Mr. Graham briefly discussed the four phases of the update which have been previously presented to the Board.

**5. Miscellaneous.**

There were no Planning and Development Services miscellaneous items.

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**PRESENTATION – WETLAND MITIGATION BANK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY.**

Commissioner Munks absence was excused during the presentation.

Gretchen Lux, Wetland Banking Lead SEA Program, Ecology, shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board on Wetland Mitigation Banking by the Department of Ecology.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

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Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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