

**SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Proclamation – September 11, 2007, as 9-1-1 Day in Skagit County
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Health Department – Peter Browning, Director  
1. Immunization Update  
2. Miscellaneous
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Presentation – 2007 Continuum of Care Report Regarding Homelessness in Skagit County
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Planning & Development Services – Gary Christensen, Director  
1. Introduction of New Employees  
2. Set Closed Record Public Meeting Date for Final Plat Approval of the Plat of Irene Place (PL05-0530) Submitted by Downs Property Management LLC  
3. Discussion of Commissioner Identified Miscellaneous Code Amendments  
4. Planning and Development Services Department Long-Term Work Program and Trailing Issues From 2005 GMA Update  
5. Miscellaneous
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Libraries of Skagit County
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Presentation – People 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative Rally at McIntyre Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Meeting at the Skagit County Fairgrounds Regarding the 2007 Fair

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2007.**

Commissioner Munks read a Proclamation declaring September 11, 2007, as National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, 2007, which was followed by a moment of silence.

**PROCLAMATION – SEPTEMBER 11, 2007, AS 9-1-1 DAY IN SKAGIT COUNTY.**

Commissioner Munks read a Proclamation declaring September 11, 2007, as 9-1-1 Day in Skagit County.

**PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH – SEPTEMBER, 2007.**

Commissioner Munks read a Proclamation declaring September, 2007 as National Senior Center Month.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR**

**1. Immunization Update.**

Sandi Paciotti, Communicable Disease Supervisor, provided updates on ovarian cancer, human rabies and the upcoming flu season.

**2. Miscellaneous.**

Public Health Department Director Peter Browning mentioned that in honor of 9/11, many changes have taken place in Skagit County, including the formation of the Unified Command, the Northwest Incident Management Team and the Skagit County Medical Reserve Corps.

**PRESENTATION – 2007 CONTINUUM OF CARE REPORT REGARDING HOMELESSNESS IN SKAGIT COUNTY.**

Mary Kay James, Executive Director of Friendship House, explained that the Skagit County Continuum of Care plan is a community wide effort to outline the current resources available in the community and identify the existing gaps in the provision of services to the homeless. By performing an analysis of the gaps, the planning committee is then able to identify strategic activity to fill those gaps and strengthen the spectrum of services in the County. It is the goal of this process and this plan to work toward a comprehensive service delivery system to enable homeless clients to move out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

Ms. James continued to identify existing gaps in the homeless service delivery system, as well as providing a review of priorities and goals.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. James for her presentation and said there is a need to reach out to the cities and form partnerships to alleviate the homelessness problem in Skagit County.

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

**1. Introduction of New Employees.**

The following new employees of Planning & Development Services were introduced:

Sheila Dout, Support Services Technician  
Lori Wright – Senior Planner  
Robert Doobovsky – Residential Plans Examiner

It was noted that Elaine Pitman is now the Code Compliance Officer for Eastern Skagit County.

**2. Set Closed Record Public Meeting Date for Final Plat Approval of the Plat of Irene Place (PL05-0530) Submitted by Downs Property Management LLC.**

Marge Swint, Senior Planner, asked the Commissioners to schedule a closed record public meeting date for final plat approval of the Plat of Irene Place for Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the request as outlined by Ms. Swint. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**3. Discussion of Commissioner Identified Miscellaneous Code Amendments.**

Carly Ruacho, Senior Planner, stated that at the time of Board deliberations on the 2005 GMA Update, one or more Commissioners indicated a desire to see some minor amendments to the development regulations. As the Department begins to prepare the list of code amendments to be processed later this fall, Ms. Ruacho said they would first like to see the Board's input. She asked the Commissioners to contact her or Director Gary Christensen if there are any specific, or even conceptual, changes one or all of them would like to see.

**4. Planning & Development Services Department Long-Term Work Program and Trailing Issues From 2005 GMA Update.**

Mr. Christensen reviewed a list of planning and administrative projects reflecting initiatives the Department is currently working on and those that are expected to begin at some point in the future as time and resources allow. In addition, Mr. Christensen briefly spoke about the list of Trailing Issues, which need to be prioritized.

**5. Miscellaneous.**

There were no miscellaneous items brought forward from Planning & Development Services.

**PRESENTATION BY THE LIBRARIES OF SKAGIT COUNTY.**

Kristine Perkins, Burlington Public Library, spoke to the Commissioners on behalf of Skagit libraries. She introduced area librarians and provided an update on what has happened to public libraries in the past year, as well as what the future holds for them.

Following brief testimonies from several librarians and library users, the Commissioners were asked to continue yearly funding for all Skagit County libraries at the level they are currently receiving. The Board was also strongly urged to consider restoring the original allocation to \$100,000 for each library, including the Upper Skagit Rural Library and the Skagit Regional Library.

**PRESENTATION – PEOPLE 1<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE RALLY AT MCINTYRE HALL.**

David Wilder, President of People 1<sup>st</sup> in Skagit County, invited the Commissioners to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> annual legislative rally being held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon. The agenda will cover such issues as: transportation; bullying and/or intimidation; family support services, transitional services, and respite care.

It was noted by Mr. Wilder that Senator Mary Margaret Haugen will be presented an award to honor her efforts regarding transportation.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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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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