

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Ron Wesen, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Dillon led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Gary Christensen - Director:

1. Certificate of Commendation for William A. Stiles, III, for Service on the Skagit County Planning Commission

Gary Christensen, Director, acknowledged William A. Stiles, III, 12 years of Planning Commission service.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Stiles for his long hours of service and dedication while he served on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Wesen read the certificate of commendation and presented it to Mr. Stiles.

2. Discussion/Possible Action: Final Plat of Creekside Meadows

Marge Swint, Senior Planner, stated this closed record public meeting is for the final plat approval of the Plat of Creekside Meadows (PL07-0489), which was submitted by Windward Real Estate Services, Inc. The proposal is to develop approximately 82 acres into 14 lots for residential development and one open space lot through the Conservation and Reserve Development (CaRD) process. The 14 residential lots range in size from .95 acres to 1.03 acres and one approximate 68-acre lot will be designated as Open Space. Standard County internal private plat roads, on-site sewage, and Public Utility District (PUD) water will serve the project. The proposed project is located at the southwest intersection of Knapp Road and Baker Heights Road (Big Rock) Mount Vernon.

Ms. Swint stated Planning and Development Services recommends approval of the Final Plat Mylar of Creekside Meadows (PL07-0489).

Commissioner Dahlstedt addressed his concerns that the (PUD) waterline is not accessible to the adjacent property owners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve granting final approval of the plat of Creekside Meadows (PL07-0489), submitted by Windward Real Estate Services, Inc. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon signed the plat Mylar granting final approval of the Plat of Creekside Meadows (PL07-0489), submitted by Windward Real Estate Services, Inc.

3. Discussion: 2010 Work Program

Mr. Christensen discussed the memorandum, dated January 19, 2010, which relates to the 2010 department legislative work program.

Mr. Christensen stated the following projects will likely come before the Planning Commission in 2010:

1. Bayview Ridge Urban Growth Area (UGA) Implementation - Gary Christensen, Project Manager; and
2. Guemes Island Subarea Plan - Carly Ruacho, Project Manager; and
3. Master Plan Resort/RV Park Standards, Carly Ruacho, Project Manager; and
4. Alternative Futures - Kirk Johnson, Project Manager; and
5. Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update - Betsy Stevenson, Project Manager; and
6. Skagit County Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) - Carly Ruacho, Project Manager; and
7. Annual Skagit County Code (SCC) Amendments - Carly Ruacho, Project Manager; and
8. Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) - Carly Ruacho, Project Manager; and
9. FEMA Flood Insurance Rate (FIRM) Map & Regulation - Tim DeVries, Project Manager; and
10. FEMA & National Marine Fisheries (NMFS) Biological Opinion (BiOp) - Tim DeVries, Project Manager; and
11. Phase II National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit - Carly Ruacho, Project Manager.

Mr. Christensen went on to say that by committing to a focused list of major projects, the Department is seeking to avoid creating false hope or expectations that other projects are being worked on. He stated projects may have to be re-prioritized, delayed or additional resources sought to address the additional work load. He indicated the Department will provide periodic status reports so that the Commissioners can monitor projects, resources and timeline.

The Commissioners thanked the Department for creating a realistic and achievable work program.

4. Discussion: Bayview Ridge Implementation Plan

Mr. Christensen stated the Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan is located north of Highway 20 and west of Interstate 5, and westward of the City of Burlington on Bayview Ridge. Mr. Christensen stated that by the year 2025, as many as 5,600 residents could potentially reside in the area.

He went on to discuss the planning and implementation process, which includes; workshops, community meetings, draft ordinance regulations and guidelines scheduled for July 2010; the Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for the fall of 2010; and will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for action by the fall of 2010.

Mr. Christensen also discussed the following tasks associated with the Bayview Ridge Urban Growth Area (UGA) implementation:

Task 1: Planned Unit Development Ordinance and Low Impact Development Review: timeline - January to February 2010; and
Task 2: Skagit County and Service Provider (i.e., fire, law enforcement, water, sewer, drainage, schools, aviation) workshop - timeline: March 2010; and
Task 3: Stakeholder Public Workshops - timeline: March 2010; and
Task 4: Meeting with Landowners - timeline: March to April 2010; and
Task 5: Draft PUD Ordinance, Incorporating LID techniques - timeline: May to June 2010.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that time was of the essence and he is hopeful that this project will be finalized by the fall of 2010.

5. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Planning and Development Services to discuss.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Briefing - Puget Sound Partnership Recovery Council

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

Rebecca Ponzio, Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator, outlined the membership of the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council. Ms. Ponzio pointed out the Salmon Recovery Plan consists of three elements; volume one, consists of a regional plan; volume two, consists of 14 watershed chapters; and last piece of the Recovery Plan is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) supplement.

Ms. Ponzio indicated the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council's membership reflects the diversity of constituents who affect, and are affected by, salmon recovery. Members represent the following groups:

- * The 14 watersheds with chapters in the Puget Sound Chinook Recovery Plan;
- * The environmental community;
- * The business and agricultural communities;
- * The Tribes;
- * State government; and

* Federal government agencies.

Each member organization may specify one delegate and at least one alternate to represent it.

Ms. Ponzio also presented the Puget Sound Partnership structure, which is a regional body of policy decision-makers for salmon recovery.

She went on to provide a brief overview of the watershed implementation policy, which includes: achieving salmon recovery; salmon recovery capital project; and Federal conditions for approval of recovery plan. Ms. Ponzio discussed the importance of partnerships to implement the recovery plan. She went on to say that Skagit County hosts six out of 22 species of salmon population. She acknowledged Commissioner Dahlstedt's involvement on the Skagit Watershed Council Board.

Shirley Solomon, Chair of the Skagit Watershed Council, stated the Board was pleased that Commissioner Dahlstedt is willing to step into the role of Chair of the Watershed Council Board. Ms. Solomon said she would support Commissioner Dahlstedt by being his alternate on the Board.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated it is important to work together to support the watershed.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:25 a.m.

c) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public comment period at 11:32 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve vouchers and warrants for Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

- 1) Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:
 - a) Warrants numbered 313731 through 313795 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$111,482.95 (Transmittal No. C-17-10); and
 - b) Payroll warrants numbered 259004 through 259750 in the total dollar amount of \$1,142,415.89 (Transmittal No. P-05-10); and
 - c) Payroll warrants numbered 986963 through 987136 in the total dollar amount of \$249,945.37 (Transmittal No. P-06-10).

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:37 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners