

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, with Chair Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) * 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Executive Session (Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

Chair Dillon announced an executive session on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Commissioner Dillon, Wesen and Dahlstedt attended the executive session from 7:30 a.m. – 8:14 a.m. The purpose of the executive session was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The following attorney was invited to the executive session and gave legal advice to the Commissioners: Will Honea, Arne Denny and Jill Dvorkin. Fire Marshall Kelly Blaine, Building Official Jack Moore, and Environmental Health employees Joanne Lynn and Corinne Story were also in attendance.

b) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Dillon introduced Planning and Development Director Dale Pernula.

1. Presentation & Update: Bayview Ridge

Planning and Development Director Dale Pernula was present to discuss the implementation of the Bayview Ridge (BVR) Subarea Plan. Mr. Pernula provided background information on the project and shared that the Port of Skagit and landowners also worked with Skagit County to create the plan, which included a Planned Unit Development plan (PUD).

Mr. Pernula shared that the objectives of the plan were to find balance within Skagit County Code to create a compact, walkable community with a pedestrian-friendly village center. Mr. Pernula shared that the plan had to take into account the different types of properties, how they were zoned, and how they could or could not be developed. Mr. Pernula discussed the aspects of the PUD in further detail.

Commissioner Dahlstedt appreciated the work performed on the project and encouraged Planning and Development Services to complete it on time, saying that additional jobs and housing would benefit Skagit County.

Commissioner Wesen understood that it took a lot of time, public input, and committee work to get a large project completed. He wanted to make sure an additional school could be built and that storm water would be taken into consideration.

Chair Dillon thanked Planning and Development Services for their thorough work.

2. Miscellaneous

Audience member George Newberry questioned the plan and said that it seemed like a small city. He had questions about it being incorporated.

Tim Rosenhan of Samish Island, and member of Envision Skagit 2060, said that he did not support the BVR plan. He said that the nearby airport needed to be more involved in the planning and he did not support locating additional residential zones near and under the airport.

John Sitkin, attorney for Mr. Boslog, one of the property owners, said that airport compatibility had been addressed by the State Department of Transportation.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:22 a.m.

c) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Presentation: WSU Cooperative Extension Programs

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:34 a.m.

Don McMoran, Joan DeVries, Sarita Shafter, and Sacha Buller provided an update to the Commissioners on recent classes they were teaching and programs they were implementing some of which included: the 2012 County Living Expo, WSU Small Beginning and Immigrant Farms Program, Sustainable Farming and Food Systems, Bilingual Farm Business Planning Course, Tractor Safety Course, Women Farmer Networks, Viva Farms, Master Gardeners, and potato research.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:34 a.m.

d) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Dave Towne of Mount Vernon was present to inform the Commissioners that critical areas that had been transferred to Skagit County's Drainage Utility needed to be mowed. Richard Boyer of Mount Vernon was present to request that Skagit County keep citizens well informed of the jail planning process.

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island commented that additional information should be provided regarding jail vocabulary: what a felony was, what a misdemeanor was, what booking meant, etc.

Ed Stauffer of Bow shared that he was impressed with Skagit Conservation District's Firewise Program.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

e) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Proclamation - National Day of Prayer

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:54 a.m.

Sharon Eldridge was present to thank the Commissioners for considering their annual proclamation which began in Skagit County in 2008 and provided a day for all religions to unite in prayer.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation regarding May 2, 2013 as National Day of Prayer in Skagit County.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:52 a.m.

f) 12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. Safe Kids of Skagit County Update - Tulip Pedal

Lynn Murphy was present to brief the Commissioners on plans for the 2013 Safe Kids of Skagit County Tulip Pedal. This was their 32nd annual Tulip Pedal and 3 routes were planned. 850 riders had been registered so far and they were expecting to profit approximately \$30,000. Lynn Murphy said that this was their main fundraiser each year.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 12:14 p.m.

g) * 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Executive Session (Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

Chair Dillon announced an executive session on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Commissioner Dillon, Wesen and Dahlstedt attended the executive session from 1:30 p.m. – 1:47 p.m. The purpose of the executive session was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The following attorney was invited to the executive session and gave legal advice to the Commissioners: Arne Denny and Jill Dvorkin. Planning and Development Services Director Dale Pernula, Building Official Jack Moore, and County Administrator Tim Holloran were also in attendance.

Chair Dillon announced another executive session on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Commissioner Dillon, Wesen and Dahlstedt attended the executive session from 8:30 a.m. – 9:18 a.m. The purpose of the executive session was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The following attorney was invited to the executive session and gave legal advice to the Commissioners: Will Honea and Ryan Walters. County Administrator Tim Holloran, Senior Planner Grace Roeder, and Farmland Legacy Coordinator Kendra Smith were also in attendance.

h) 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 2:34 p.m. and introduced Senior Planner Brandon Black.

1. Preliminary Plat Approval for the Reserve at Overlook Crest, No. PLO7-0465

Mr. Black provided a memorandum highlighting PLO7-0465. He shared that the Hearing Examiner executed a Written Order recommending approval.

Mr. Black provided an overview of the project and said that Skagit County Planning and Development Services was also recommending approval.

The Commissioners clarified road easement requirements and the storm water maintenance plan.

Chair Dillon opened the meeting for public comments.

Nearby resident on Mariposa Lane said that there were dangerous curves on Walker Valley Road and that it saw increased traffic over the weekends from travelers going 4-wheeling. She was concerned about additional residential traffic and suggested a traffic light be installed.

A representative of the nearby golf course, which was downhill from the planned development, asked that Skagit County staff remain attentive to drainage issues and plans.

Seeing no further testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the comment period which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wesen asked Mr. Black if Public Works had performed a traffic study and they discussed the addition of impervious surfaces and plans for adequate drainage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt accept the Hearing Examiner's recommendation to approve with conditions the preliminary plat land division for "The Reserve at Overlook Crest" PLO7-0465 (**Resolution No. R20130097**). Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Planning and Development Services did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

- i) * 4:00 p.m. Skagit Watershed Council's Farewell Celebration for Shirley Solomon (La Conner Garden Club, 104 Commercial, La Conner)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 2:54 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board