

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Commissioner Dahlstedt's absence was excused.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

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

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Proposed Planning and Land Use Legislation Ordinance

Director Dale Pernula provided a brief history of the ordinance and explained that a public hearing on the matter was held by the Board of County Commissioners on January 22, 2013. He said that subsequently, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance and developed recommendations that were adopted by the Planning Commission on May 7, 2013. Mr. Pernula referenced the proposed Planning and Land Use Legislation Ordinance; Planning Commission By-Laws Review Committee Memorandum, proposed amendments to the By-Laws, public participation enhancement; and a table that evaluated 34 potential provisions of ordinance, which were all included in the Commissioners agenda packets. He explained that the Commissioners had the option to reject the proposal, approve the proposal, approve the Planning Commission's recommendations, or develop their own recommendations.

Planning Commission Chair and Bylaws Review Committee member Keith Greenwood indicated that the Bylaws Committee was recently established by the Planning Commission and consisted of Planning Commission members. He explained the Bylaws Review Committee met on several occasions and identified deficiencies in the existing Bylaws; Unified Development Code; and developed recommendations to address the shortcomings. He said that the recommendations were reviewed by the Planning Commission and the need for public participation was a key component that came out of the recommendations.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters outlined the Planning Commissions' role and explained that proposed ordinance would not change the power or the role of the Planning Commission. He explained the proposed ordinance was intended to clarify which particular statutes relate to the operation and structure of the Planning Commission.

Chair Dillon said that the code revision was necessary to enable the Planning Commission to avoid misunderstandings and to allow information to be accessed in an efficient manner.

The Commissioners reviewed the 34 items on the table evaluating potential provisions of the ordinance. There was a discussion about whether to abandon the Planning Enabling Act; staggering the Planning Commission terms; who would be responsible for advertising Planning Commission vacancies; setting up interviews; who would be responsible for the adoption of Planning Commission Bylaws; educational opportunities, adopting Roberts Rules of Order, and public participation.

Commissioner Wesen indicated that he would not be in favor of abandoning the Planning Enabling Act.

Planning Commission members Robert Temples and Carol Ehlers spoke about the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and the Bylaws.

The Commissioners directed staff to draft an ordinance that would include the recommendations discussed during the proceedings today and the items that the Planning Commission had previously approved.

2. Miscellaneous

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

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings 9:40 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds - Brian Adams, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:44 a.m.

1. Presentation: 2013 Skagit County Fair

Director Brian Adams discussed upcoming events and recognized Administrative Manager Pauli Mickelson and all the volunteers that donate their time and materials to the Fair. Ms. Mickelson introduced the 2013 Fair team staff.

Fair Coordinator Aric Gaither noted the theme for 2013 was, "Join us for a Hometown Hoedown at the Skagit County Fair." The Skagit County Fair commences on August 7 and ends on August 10.

Mr. Gaither provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussed events, activities, and upgrades to facilities around the Fairgrounds. Mr. Gaither reported that Fair attendance for 2012 was approximately 25,000 people. He indicated that gate revenue was up 6.57% from 2011, and the total number of exhibitors increased by 28.57%. He encouraged the community to participate in the Fair and thanked local businesses for their partnership and donations to the Fair. Mr. Gaither said information about the fair could be found at the Parks, Recreation, and Fairgrounds website at www.skagitcounty.net/fair or by telephone (360) 336-9414.

4-H Junior Speaker Julia Soes spoke about the Skagit County 4-H Program and her role at the Fair. 2012-2013 President Burlington Edison Chapter FFA Carlee Mullen and Burlington-Edison Chapter member Morgan Kilby spoke about the FFA Program.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for the presentation and expressed their support of the Fair.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Parks, Recreation, and the Fairgrounds to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings 10:23 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Information Services Introduction of New Staff: Senior System Engineer II Gary Jenson

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

Central Services Coordinator Kristen Stubben introduced Senior Systems Engineer II Gary Jenson. Mr. Jenson stated his role involved working on the Spillman Public Safety System and provided a brief history of his work experience.

The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Jenson to Skagit County.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:37 a.m.

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

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

1. Public Comment Period

Seeing no one present to comment during public comment period, Chair Dillon closed the public comment period at 11:31 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. public hearing to consider testimony regarding vacating a portion of County Right-of-Way known as Savage Road, No. 07140.

Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. public hearing to consider testimony regarding an ordinance amendment Chapter 12.18; Solid Waste Disposal System, of the Skagit County Code.

Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. public hearing to consider testimony regarding resolutions to amend the Guemes Island Ferry Fare Structure and amending the Guemes Island Ferry revenue target methodology.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:35 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board