

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**III. AGENDA:**

**a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:**

**1. Presentation: Certificate of Commendation on the Retirement of Jacqueline Kuykendall**

Dan Berentson, Director, provided a brief overview of Jacque Kuykendall's career with Skagit County.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Kuykendall for her hard work and dedication over the past thirty (30) years of service to Skagit County and the Public Works Department.

Jeff Munson; Tom Sheahan; Gene Sampley; Don Nelson; Don McKeehen; and Cliff Butler shared a few of their memories of their working history with Ms. Kuykendall and thanked her for her service.

Ms. Kuykendall thanked everyone for their kind words.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the certificate of commendation in recognition of dedicated public service and presented it to Ms. Kuykendall. The Commissioners wished her well in her retirement.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 8:58 a.m.

**2. Miscellaneous:**

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

**b) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing April 2014 as Skagit Volunteer Month**

Elizabeth Jennings, Community Engagement Manager for Skagit Volunteer Center and Community Action of Skagit County, provided a PowerPoint presentation and said that National Volunteer Week began in 1974 and occurred the second week in April. Ms. Jennings highlighted the AmeriCorps VISTA and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) national service programs. She spoke about the various volunteer connector organizations and thanked the United Way of Skagit County and Volunteers of America for their ongoing partnership.

Cole Bitzenburg, staff member with Community Action of Skagit County's Food Distribution Center, spoke about his one (1) year of volunteer service with the AmeriCorps VISTA Program and said that the experience he gained as a volunteer was beneficial when he assisted the Darrington Food Bank with their food needs during the landslide in the Town of Oso.

Ms. Jennings provided a video highlighting Prudence Ashley Paul's experience with Community Action of Skagit County and her volunteer service.

Debra Lancaster, Executive Director of United Way of Skagit County, spoke about the three (3) ways to give to the community and recognized volunteer service.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation recognizing April 2014 as Volunteer Month in Skagit County.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

c) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner Dahlstedt announced that he had a previously scheduled appointment and would be absent for part of the testimony. He said that he would review the video and listen to the testimony.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Docketing the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Mr. Pernula explained the process of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and noted that the petitions for amendments were accepted until the last business day of July of each year. He explained that the petitions were analyzed against the docketing criteria in Skagit County Code 14.08.030 and recommendation were provided to the Board of County Commissioners. He noted the purpose of the public hearing was to allow applicants and the general public the opportunity to comment on Planning and Development Service's docket recommendations.

Mr. Pernula provided a listing of the petitions that the County had received as follows:

NC-1 City of Anacortes, PL12-0258, petition to expand the City's Urban Growth Area (this petition was deferred from the 2012 docket). The Department recommended that the Board exclude this petition from the docket.

NC-2, City of Sedro-Woolley, PL13-0299, petition to change the City's Urban Growth Area. The City of Sedro-Woolley proposed three (3) changes to its urban growth area boundary. The Department recommended the Board include the changes in the docket.

NC-3, Yong Ho Kim, PL13-0302, petition to redesignate 2.65 acres from the Rural Reserve to Small-Scale Business. The Department recommended that the Board include this petition in the docket.

NC-4, Harold Mehrer, PL13-0298, petition to redesignate a 76.7 acre parcel with split zoning from Secondary Forest NRL/Industrial Forest NRL to Secondary Forest-NRL. The Department recommended that the Board exclude this petition from the docket.

The Department proposed the following County-initiated amendment:

C-1, Bayview Ridge, to reconfigure the Bayview Ridge Subarea to implement the Port of Skagit's recommended changes to the Airport Environs Overlay, move industrial zoning to the eastern portion of the subarea, reduce the residential zoning, and shrink the urban growth area boundary. The Department recommended that the Board include this petition in the docket.

Mr. Pernula concluded by stating that the public could submit written comments via e-mail to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us) or via US mail to Skagit County Planning and Development Services re: Public Comments CPA 2013 Docket, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. All comments must be received by Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

John Coleman, Planning Director for the City of Sedro-Woolley, provided an explanation of the City's proposed expansion and contraction of the Urban Growth Area.

Ryan Walters, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, explained that the proposed docket amendments were entirely legislative and that they would be presented to the Planning Commission for

deliberation and they would forward a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. He stated that the Board would then consider their recommendations and may hold their own public hearing or may accept the recommendation(s) from the Planning Commission without a public hearing.

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 9:52 a.m.

Jason Easton, Planning Commission member, noted that the Planning Commission had reviewed Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan on multiple occasions and the Department had agreed that any future requests for review would be presented to the Planning Commission in the form of work session prior to the draft document being submitted for public comment. He indicated that the work sessions would be open to the public and they would have multiple opportunities to provide public comment.

John Coleman, Planning Director for the City of Sedro-Woolley, thanked staff for working on the amendments. He said the City appreciated that there may be other information that the County required in order to move forward and would be happy to address any issues that may arise.

Harold Meyer of 2919 Grandston Road in Sedro-Woolley, requested that his petition be included in the docket.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon close the Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Docketing the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments at 9:59 a.m. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

Chair Wesen announced that the Board of County Commissioners would make a decision on whether to docket the Comprehensive Plan Amendments on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

## 2. Miscellaneous

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

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

- d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation: Recognizing April 27 through May 3, 2014, as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Skagit County

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m. with Commissioner Dahlstedt present.

Carolyn Kelly, Manager of the Skagit Conservation District, thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing support and for taking to the time to recognize Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

Cindy Pierce, Youth Education Coordinator, provided a brief history of Soil and Water Stewardship Week. She said that this year's theme was "Dig Deeper, Mysteries in the Soil" and announced the award winners for the 2014 poster contest.

The Commissioners congratulated all of the contest participants.

Commissioner Dillon read the proclamation recognizing April 27, 2014, through May 4, 2014, as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Skagit County.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:17 a.m.

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

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

1. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer, rural Skagit County resident, commented on stewardship and the role of rural property owners. He thanked the Skagit Conservation District, and the Washington State University Skagit County Extension for the work they do to help rural property owners.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Dillon reminded the public to share the roads with farm vehicles.

Commissioner Dahlstedt and Chair Wesen commented on the County's partnership with the Skagit Conservation District, and the Washington State University Skagit County Extension.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:38 a.m.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Ron Wesen, Chair

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board