

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the 2015 Docket

Director Dale Pernula informed the Commissioners that 22 petitions for amendments to the comprehensive plan, land use/zoning map, or development regulations had been received from members of the public, and 8 had been initiated by Skagit County Planning and Development. Mr. Pernula said that they were convened to hear comments on whether the proposed amendments should be docketed for further consideration.

A memorandum provided by Mr. Pernula to the Board dated October 7, 2015, regarding the docket can be found here: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10262015>

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing.

Ellen Bynum of Friends of Skagit County spoke in favor of docketing NC-1, CaRD reform.

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island spoke in favor of docketing NC-2, maximum lot coverage in Rural Reserve; NC-3, outdoor storage in Rural Reserve; NC-4, prohibiting mining near shorelines; and NC-5, prohibiting activities in Category II aquifer recharge areas.

Randy Good of Sedro-Woolley spoke in favor of docketing NC-6, standing citizens advisory committee; and NC-7, no loss of agricultural land.

Roger Mitchell of Bow spoke in favor of docketing NC-8, geohazards checklist; NC-9, 3-year update on GIS maps, NC-

10, requirement to provide GIS maps; NC-11, good faith analysis of all impacts; NC-12, rural advisory board; NC-13, water access; and NC-14, water policies.

Ed Stauffer of the Alger area spoke in favor of docketing NC-15, adopting 1990 comprehensive plan; NC-16, rural residential; and NC-17, staff amendments.

Robert Houston Foist of Bow spoke in favor of docketing PL15-0378, Concrete Concepts and Design: Rural Village Commercial in Edison.

Sadie Baker spoke in favor of docketing PL15-0379, Edison Granary: Rural Village Commercial in Edison, petitions for Urban Growth Area Boundary Amendments.

John Coleman with the City of Sedro-Woolley spoke in favor of docketing PL13-0299, City of Sedro-Woolley UGA Expansion.

Michael Crawford of Guemes Island spoke in favor of docketing PL15-0383, Skagit Partners: create a standalone UGA near Avalon Golf Course and additional County-Initiated comp plan amendments.

Robert Carmichael for Skagit Partners spoke in favor of docketing PL15-0383, Skagit Partners: create a standalone UGA near Avalon Golf Course.

Bill Knutzen of Burlington spoke in favor of docketing CP-1, Bayview Ridge expansion of residential for Knutzen/Bouslog parcels.

Mr. Pernula said that CP-2, City of Burlington UGA Expansion, was a County proposal to provide sewer to a farmworker housing project and that the City of Burlington had not yet considered whether to approve or deny the proposal.

Harold Harrington of Fidalgo Island commented on planning processes and the water supply for Fidalgo Island. He suggested that the aquifers on Fidalgo Island be monitored and data recorded for water levels in wells.

Seth Woolson, Bellingham Attorney was present on behalf of John Bouslog and he spoke in favor of docketing CP-1, Bayview Ridge expansion of residential for Knutzen/Bouslog parcels.

Bryan Harrison of the City of Burlington spoke in support of docketing CP-2, City of Burlington UGA Expansion. He clarified that he was not necessarily supporting the outcome of the proposal, but he supported docketing it for further consideration and a final decision.

Peter Hurd of Garden of Eden Road in Sedro-Woolley spoke against docketing PL13-0299, City of Sedro-Woolley UGA Expansion.

Dorothy DeFremery of Garden of Eden Road in Sedro-Woolley spoke against docketing PL13-0299, City of Sedro-Woolley UGA Expansion.

Commissioner Janicki discussed PL13-0299, City of Sedro-Woolley UGA Expansion with Mr. Coleman, Mr. Pernula, and Mr. Johnson.

Seeing no further testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen moved to close public hearing, and keep the written comment period open until October 29, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Janicki moved to make a decision on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, map and code amendments, on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:29 a.m.

b) 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Update from Cate Melcher Anderson, Director of the Children’s Museum of Skagit County

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:48 a.m. and invited Cate Melcher Anderson to present information to the Commissioners.

Ms. Melcher Anderson shared information about their program “Building a Brighter Future” which focused on early childhood learning. She said that the museum was expanding into the former Sears Home Store and that a re-opening carnival celebration was scheduled for October 31, 2015. Updates on projects, workshops preschool, art classes, and new exhibits was provided. A PowerPoint provided by Ms. Melcher Anderson can be found here:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10262015>

The Commissioners thanked the Children’s Museum for the positive impact they had on youth and families.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:08 a.m.

c) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing October 2015 as National Community Planning Month

Commissioner Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:15 a.m. and excused Chair Dahlstedt.

Mr. Pernula and the Commissioners discussed the Proclamation for National Community Planning Month. The Commissioners thanked Planning and Development Services for providing an important and sometimes difficult service to the community by applying state, federal, and local codes and laws. They discussed the importance of maintaining the Skagit County lifestyle.

Commissioner Janicki read the proclamation regarding October 2015 as National Community Planning Month.

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:23 a.m.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one was present to discuss success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Qben Oliver, President of Anacortes Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1537 read letter regarding a vote of no confidence in Skagit County EMS Director Mark Raaka and asked that Mr. Raaka be removed from his position.

Tim Moser, President of Skagit County Paramedic Association IAFF Local 3427 read a letter regarding a vote of no confidence in Skagit County EMS Director Mark Raaka and asked that Mr. Raaka be removed from his position.

Bryan Harris, President of Mount Vernon Professional Fire Fighters Local 1983 read a letter regarding a vote of no confidence in Skagit County EMS Director Mark Raaka and asked that Mr. Raaka be removed from his position.

Dean Shelton of Mariposa Lane, firefighter and paramedic, was present as a representative of the members present who provided letters regarding a vote of no confidence in Skagit County EMS Director Mark Raaka. Mr. Shelton shared an article recently published in the Skagit Valley Herald about the EMS system and incorrect information provided by Mr. Raaka.

Commissioner Janicki thanked Mr. Oliver, Mr. Moser, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Shelton for their information for consideration, and, she clarified after the article had been printed in the Skagit Valley Herald which Mr. Shelton discussed, Mr. Raaka saw the mistakes made by the author and requested a correction be printed.

Chair Dahlstedt thanked Mr. Oliver, Mr. Moser, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Shelton for their information and service to the community. He said that he was concerned about the system and wanted to make sure high quality service was provided throughout Skagit County.

Letters provided by Mr. Oliver, Mr. Moser, Mr. Harris, Mr. Shelton, and, Mr. Butterfield of Burlington Professional Firefighters Local 4111 can be found here:

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3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Janicki made a motion to approve the voucher/warrant for Delta Dental, C-160-15. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

- e) *5:30 p.m. Public Workshop - 2016 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Update (Big Lake Fire Department, 16818 W Big Lake Blvd, Mount Vernon)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:48 a.m.

~~BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS~~
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board