

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Presentation of Skagit County Housing Inventory and Transportation Analysis Report by Skagit Council of Governments Executive Director Kevin Murphy

Skagit Council of Governments' (SCOG) Executive Director Kevin Murphy presented the Housing Inventory and Transportation Analysis that was prepared for SCOG by consultants ECONorthwest.

Mr. Murphy said that SCOG was currently addressing comments to the report and expected that the final report would be released in October 2017. He noted that SCOG would continue to take a convener role with stakeholders as they work to develop affordable housing.

There was a discussion about the need for more workforce housing and affordable housing.

Commissioner Janicki spoke about an Interlocal Agreement that Skagit County had with Eastern Washington University to maintain a data-indicator web-based dashboard called "Skagit County Trends". She indicated that additional information about people, transportation, agriculture, culture and tourism, economic vitality, education, environment, health, housing and public safety could be found on Skagit County Trend's website:<http://www.skagitcountytrends.ewu.edu/index.cfm>.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09252017/>

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:41 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Fair - Brian Adams, Director:

1. Commemoration of Park Board Members' Service

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

Director Brian Adams introduced Parks, Recreation, and Fair staff and members of the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board who were present in the gallery.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members and Years of Service:

John Semrau: 30 years

Lloyd Brown: 20 years

Liz McNett Crowl: 18 years

Kevin Loy: 13 years

Mike Elde: 10 years

Chris Allen: 7 years

Elizabeth Detillion: 7 years

Ralph Rowland: 4 years

Tim Manns: 4 years

Jason Benson: 1 year

Mr. Semrau and Mr. Brown were presented with awards to commemorate their years of service on the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. They spoke about their experience on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

2. Project Priorities and Updates

Campbell Lake:

- paved parking lot; improvements to boat launch and dock; new toilet; car and trailer stalls; and covered picnic shelter will be added.

Clear Lake Beach:

- picnic shelter; new restroom facility; fishing pier; landscape improvements; and ADA trails.

Cleveland Park:

- new playground for the neighborhood children.

Northern State Recreation Area (NSRA):

- disc golf course, trails, and picnic shelters will be added.

Padilla Bay Shore Trail :

- parking, benches, and signage will be added.

Guemes Island Park:

- fences and artwork will be added.

Mr. Adams provided additional information about Sharpe Park and Montgomery - Duban Headlands; Skagit Playfields; Steelhead Park; Skagit Fairgrounds; Pressentin Park; various recreation programs; Donovan Park; Pomona Grange Park and Interpretive Center; and Tursi Trail.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for their service to Skagit County.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:41 a.m.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Health - Kathy Ferris, Housing Resource Coordinator, Housing, Homeless Services, and Community Development:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

Housing Resource Coordinator Kathy Ferris noted that the HOME Consortium was composed of Island County, Whatcom County, Skagit County and 16 municipalities. The Consortium was formed in 2015 to obtain HOME funding and Skagit County was the lead agency.

Ms. Ferris explained the purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and noted that recipients of the HOME Investment Partnership funds must establish policies and procedures to guide citizen participation. She described the required contents of the CPP and noted the importance of citizen participation. Ms. Ferris said the ultimate goal of the CPP was to serve as a foundation from which the Consortium would build a strong, citizen-informed and citizen-inclusive strategy for addressing the housing needs of the tri-county region.

Ms. Ferris explained that additional information about the CPP could be obtained by contacting her by e-mail at kathyf@co.skagit.wa.us or by telephone at (360) 416-1526.

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1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding a Request to Approve the Submittal of the Skagit County HOME Consortium Citizen Participation Plan

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 11:12 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Janicki made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:12

a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action: Motion to Approve Staff Submission of the Skagit County HOME Consortium Citizen Participation Plan

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve staff submission of the Skagit County HOME Consortium Citizen Participation Plan. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:13 a.m.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There were no County and Individual Success Stories provided.

2. Public Comment Period

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Janicki encouraged everyone to support anyone that they knew with chemical dependency or mental health recovery and thanked everyone for their show of support in recognizing September as Recovery Month in Skagit County.

Commissioner Dahlstedt commented on the importance of chemical dependency and mental health programs at the Skagit County Community Justice Center.

Chair Wesen thanked elected officials and staff for showing their support of the Proclamation recognizing September as Recovery Month in Skagit County. The Proclamation was read by Commissioner Janicki on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room.

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

- e) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Public Works - Paul Randall-Grutter, County Engineer:

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter explained that an engineering report was prepared (add more).

1. Discussion: Speed Limit on Rosario Road

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter said that following a request to lower the speed limit on a portion of Rosario Road, an engineering study had been conducted by Public Works staff.

Traffic Engineering Technician Given Kutz provided information about his traffic safety and traffic engineering training. He provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the process established to set speed limits pursuant to Skagit County Code and Washington State law.

He said the purpose of speed zoning was to establish a speed limit which was reasonable and safe for a given section of roadway. Mr. Kutz explained that local authorities may establish or alter maximum limits on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation. Skagit County Code 10.04.070 provided for the Director of the Department of Public Works and/or the County Engineer the authority to revise existing speed limits on all county roads in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.61 "Rules of the Road".

Mr. Kutz said that the speed limit study had concluded that the most drivers travel at speeds that were comfortable and safe for Rosario Road. He suggested that if the speed limit were artificially lowered, it would create an unsafe speed differential between the familiar driver and the unfamiliar driver.

Duane Knapp of Bay Lane spoke about the traffic accident his wife had and requested that the Commissioners lower the speed limit from 50 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour and eliminate the passing lane between Biz Point Road and Seaview Way.

Anacortes School District 103 Superintendent Dr. Mark Wenzel; Anacortes School District Transportation Supervisor Karen Robertson; Bill Swain of Cove Court; Carol Ehlers of Windcrest Lane; Mount Erie Fire Chief Noyes; Jim Laurel of Bay Lane; Renee Westlund of Rosario Road; Roger Jewett of Cove Court; Roger Noar of Commercial Avenue; and President of Simply Yards Landscape and Design Mark Lawrence spoke in favor of lowering the speed limit on Rosario Road to 40 miles per hour.

Sheriff Will Reichardt pointed out that for enforcement reasons, it would be helpful to have a consistent speed limit on Rosario Road. He noted that if the speed limit were lowered people would need to become familiar with the change and there may be more accidents in the short-term.

Mr. Randall-Grutter indicated that they could perform another in-depth study within the next week.

The Commissioners thanked the community for sharing their thoughts.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation and Information Provided by Duane Knapp:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09252017/)
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IV. BID OPENING:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m.

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter said that after reviewing building video from Monday, September 25, 2017, it was determined that the sealed bid was received prior to the bid opening at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017, but the sealed bid packet had not been provided to the Commissioners' office prior to the bid opening.

He said that it was appropriate to open the following bid for the Cascade River Road Slide Repair Project #ES97950-10:

Wetlands Creation, Inc.
P.O. Box 627
Monroe, WA 98272
Proposal Bond: Included
Non-Collusion Declaration: Attached
Total Bid Amount: \$72,981

Mr. Randall-Grutter said that the bid would be reviewed along with the four (4) bids that were received and that a recommendation would be brought before the Board of County Commissioners in the near future.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 2:40 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board