

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Michael Shapiro and Susan Sundin

Addresses: 11263 Third Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: CU/Open Space Land App #27-2017

Request: To include 17.3 acres in Current Use Open Space Land.

Location: Portion of vacated blocks 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 37, 38, 45, 46 and 49, McKenna and Elliott's 2nd Addition to Bayview, located in NE1/4 Sec. 31, T35N, R3E, W.M.

Assessor's Numbers: Portion of P35104 and P71205

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 24, 2018.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Michael Shapiro and Susan Sundin seek to include 17.3 acres of land in the Current Use Open Space Land program.
2. The property is a portion of vacated blocks 23, 24, 25, 26, 30,31, 37,38, 45, 46, and 59, McKenna and Elliott's 2nd Addition to Bayview, located in the NW1/4 Sec 31, T35N, R3E, W.M. A corner of the property is adjacent to Padilla Bay.
3. The property not presently in any current use program.
4. Michael Shapiro testified that the goal is to protect the land and pass it on undeveloped. Public access will not be allowed.
5. Inclusion of the property in current use open space would conserve or enhance natural and scenic resources, protect natural shorelines, protect soil resources and habitat, and preserve visual quality along a road corridor.

6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.

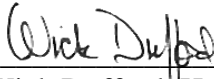
7. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.

8. The Examiner finds that the property is appropriate for the classification sought.

9. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: February 14, 2018

Copies transmitted to Applicants, Assessor's Office, County Commissioners, February 14, 2018