

# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 12/7/04

**To:** Fidalgo Island CAC and TAC

**From:** Aubin Phillips

**Re:** Fidalgo Island Subarea Plan CAC Meeting 12/7/04

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**Attendance:**

**CAC:** Bill Dinsmoor, Ed Goodman, Chuck Manning, Terry McNeil, Tom Stowe, Bill Turner, Bill Wooding, Mike Trafton

**TAC:** Bob Bell, Dave Cortelyou, Jim Mecca, David Pearson, Ross Barnes

**Consultants:** Roger Wagoner, Aubin Phillips

**County:** Jeroldine Hallberg

**Other:** Laurie Sherman, Keith Sorensen

**2005 Meeting Schedule**

The first order of business for the night was to vote on the 2005 meeting schedule for the CAC. The originally proposed dates for 2005 were for the third Thursday of the month, but due to several conflicts for committee members it was suggested that the date be moved to the second Thursday of the month. The dates for the next six months that fall on the second Thursday of the month are: Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9. The committee voted and approved this schedule. This schedule also contains the tentative topics for each meeting. We will be starting with land use. These topics were derived from the resolution and placed in order of interest from the open house. Roger suggested that people take a look at the Bayview Subarea Plan to see how it is organized prior to the next meeting. This plan can be found on the Skagit County website at [www.skagitcounty.net](http://www.skagitcounty.net). Go to planning and permit center, community planning and click on Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan.

There was then a discussion about the location of the future meetings. Jeroldine suggested that we move the meetings to the Fidalgo Elementary school library since the Fire Hall is a problem for some people's allergies. This will cost \$30 per meeting, and will be covered by the county. Jeroldine had previously talked to the school about the third Thursday, and will now talk to the school about the library availability on the second Thursday. If the school is available these days the library will be adopted as the location, otherwise the meetings will continue to be held at the Fire Hall. This will be done tomorrow, so that legal notices can be placed in the Anacortes American and Skagit Valley Herald in December and January. This information will also be put on the Fidalgo website. *Since this meeting we have been able to reserve the library for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month for 2005.*

**Public Comment**

Keith Sorenson from Biz Point was introduced, Keith is a board member of the Del Mar water district. There was no public comment.

## **Maps**

Two new maps were passed out at this meeting – critical areas buffers and shoreline slope stability. There was also a wetlands map that was passed out at the last meeting that was not discussed. There were some questions about where this data came from. Aubin explained that all of this data had been downloaded from the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, and the National Wetlands Inventory and then added to the Fidalgo Maps. No new data was created for these maps, it is all existing data that has been taken from other sources and overlaid on the county maps. We realize that there may be errors on these maps and that they are not all correct on a smaller scale, these maps are being created to generate comments. There was a comment that there should not be a buffer around the shorelines on the wetlands map or the critical areas buffers map. There should also not be a buffer around the hydric soils. There was another comment that the parks are not being displayed correctly on the maps – new data will be downloaded from the County to fix this problem.

## **Survey**

The most recent version of the survey was emailed to the group and it was included in the packet tonight. This version contains edits made by Chuck Manning, Terry McNeil, and Tom Stowe. It does not include changes made by Tom Glade or Mike Trafton. The group was given a few minutes to review the changes prior to the discussion. A sample survey that was done by Pacific Rim Resources was passed around for people to look at as a sample of how this survey would be returned to us. It was discussed how the surveys will be numbered sequentially so that we can ensure that they are not being duplicated, but these numbers will be very inconspicuous so that people will not think we are tracking them. It was also discussed that if someone is to need a second copy for another resident of their household they can call Jeroldine to request another copy, we will not be doing a cross check on these households, however, it is not expected that many people will make this request. It is expected that about 2,500 copies will be printed. If anyone knows of any people that live in the subarea and did not get the postcard please send their address to Aubin to be added to the list.

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- Bob suggested getting rid of the first question since the zoning classifications are confusing, but others wanted to keep it as long as we clarify the classifications and provide information on where to get more details
- It was suggested that we take off the comment about including a zoning map if we are not including one. We will probably be including a small map that shows the study area boundaries.

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- There is concern that people may not understand question number 7 where it refers to CaRD, it is confusing and people will probably not go through the trouble of looking it up, it should be kept if we reword and remove the CaRD reference.
- It was also suggested that we provide more information on how to look up CaRD.

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- No Comments

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- On question number 17, add “over regulation” as a choice
- There was a question about what happened to the three questions regarding night lighting, smoke and noise. These three questions had been removed due to people either finding them confusing or unnecessary.

- It was suggested that they be added back in to the survey in a grid form like question 18.
- It was decided that noise should be left out since there is not much that can be done about this especially with proximity to the naval base.
- Someone also said that there is probably going to be a burning ban going into effect soon.

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- It was suggested that number 19 should lead to another question such as – Would you be willing to be taxed to pay for this? But not including actual dollar amounts.

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- On questions 24 and 25 it was suggested to remove answer E since it is not related and the committee did not like this as an idea to protect shorelines from development.

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- It was suggested that we move the water and sewer questions in front of the demographics section.

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- There was a lot of discussion about questions 42, 43, and 44 regarding sewers. Even though this goes against the Growth Management Act and there have been court cases ruling against this, it was decided to keep these questions in the survey just so we will know the answers to these questions for future reference.

The survey will be edited to reflect these changes and then passed on to Consumerscan to process the survey and format it for printing. It will then be printed and mailed out.

It was discussed when the survey should be sent out, right after the first of the year was suggested as a good time. Aubin suggested Monday, January 3 as the mail out date. Respondents will be given ten days to reply to the survey. Surveys should be in by January 13, which is the day of the next CAC meeting, so the survey results will not be discussed until the next CAC meeting on February 10.

### **Other**

Jim Mecca asked if we had sent a letter to all stakeholders yet informing them of our process. This has not been done yet, but we are working on this, and will hopefully get a letter out soon to inform everyone and to get a reply from them telling us who they would like for their main contact person to be. Ed Goodman will work on a letter to the DOT as a start.

Ross Barnes passed around a packet of documents he would like for us to acquire based on comments from the open house write up, this packet included information about drainage and a map of the proposed wildlife corridor from Deception Pass to the ACFL. More information is needed about parks and open space in the subarea. A motion was made for the TAC to get together by the end of the year and appoint a chairperson and to do some research into parks and get a map of parks and forest lands on Fidalgo, they will present on January 13. Brian Adams of County Parks would like to be involved in this effort.

It was suggested that we have snacks or cookies at the next meeting.