

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 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 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one provided county or individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island discussed a SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) plan she reviewed regarding Sharpe's Corner on Fidalgo Island which did not take into consideration the water, gas, fiber optic, or sewer pipelines.

Ms. Ehlers requested that Skagit County Planning and Development Services and the Planning Commission consider fires in their planning.

Ms. Ehlers provided two documents to the Commissioners that she said could be applied towards the evaluation of having Grizzly Bears in the North Cascades National Park:

1. A map from the Washington State Department of Transportation Community Planning Portal which showed the mileposts along the state routes, and
2. An article from Consumer Reports regarding the increased use and cost of air ambulances.

Ms. Ehlers said that if detailed planning had been performed for Fidalgo Island and East Skagit County, then latter plans like the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Reintroduction of Grizzly Bears to the North Cascades Ecosystem would be more likely to contain better information about the impacts to the communities that bordered the proposed grizzly bear habitat.

The documents provided by Ms. Ehlers can be found here:<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/07102017/>

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Community Justice Center (jail) would be occurring at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

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

1. Work Session/Possible Action: Discuss 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Dale Pernula provided information to the Commissioners on the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, the motion that had been passed by the Planning Commission regarding the amendments, and the recommendations from Planning and Development Services. Questions, answers and discussion followed.

The memo provided by Planning and Development Services regarding the amendments can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/07102017/>

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt adopt the docket as recommended by the Planning Commission and the two recommendations from Planning and Development Services regarding P-7 and P-12 on page three of the memo. The motion failed due to no seconder.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki adopt the docket as recommended by the Planning Commission, the recommendation from Planning and Development Services regarding P-7, and to defer P-12. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

Further discussion was held regarding Chair Wesen's concerns on the proposed permanence of P-7. He was concerned that if passed as currently written, the Commissioners would no longer be able to change the use of the zone through code amendments.

The motion was restated to adopt the docket as recommended by the Planning Commission, the recommendation from Planning and Development Services regarding P-7, and to defer P-12. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed on a 2 - 1 vote with Chair Wesen dissenting.

2. Possible Action: Proposed Amendments to Industrial Forest Zone

Dale Pernula provided information to the Commissioners regarding a request to amend the Industrial Forest Zone in order to allow for trails. The request came from the Mayor of Darrington who was working with the Department of Natural Resources to build a 20 mile trail system. Mr. Pernula said that the trail head would be in Darrington and much of the trail would be located in Skagit County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki direct staff to explore the proposal to pursue a code amendment to permit non-motorized trails in the Industrial Forest Zone. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen thanked the Planning Commission and Planning and Development Services for their work on the evaluation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

- c) *2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Facility Tours of Skagit County Community Justice Center (201 Suzanne Lane, Mount Vernon)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 10:42 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board