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Minutes May 1, 2006

Present: Paul, Lisa, Gordy, Ken, Dave, Fred, Dick, Larry and Kendra.
Guy McNally from Planning attended.

- I. Minutes. April 2006 approved.
- II. Shared Strategy Update:
 - a. Carol MacIlroy has not been available. Kendra has made numerous attempts to contact her regarding a project with no success. Kendra left a message discussing an educational outreach as had been suggested by the Shared Strategy staff (Jim Kramer). The Women in Timber Tour is a good place to start reaching out to the general public. Ken questioned whether funding should go to this because his company (Grandy Creek) pays to take kids from Conway School on a tour annually and this should be something that the industry should do independently. The WIT tour sends invitations to various interest groups, elected officials (congress, senate, house reps, commissioners, councils), state agencies, newspapers, board members and the general public.
 - b. Paul noted that the pacific Logging Congress wood show needs a 40 ac flat decent lot to have their demonstration. Longview Fiber has done it in the past.
- III. CAO (Critical Area Ordinance):
 - a. Kendra handed out section for the FAB to review in the current ordinance that allows for an alternative method to be used. It is not used much and Planning would like to just get rid of it if it is not necessary. It was written by Larry Wasserman originally. It may need some amendments and then would be more workable. Get comments back to Paul or Kendra ASAP.
 - b. Paul said that the work to date has been all on the wetlands. Staff said it was to be site specific, but applicant can request a change in buffer size. Paul believes that the CAC approved the current ordinance rather than make any changes. Gordy commented that if the County hired a consultant, then it should be a given amount. Ken stated that if it is not broken...don't fix it.
- IV. Comp Plan:
 - a. Guy gave an update. Said they received a 'foot' of documents. Will compile and get it back for review. Gordy asked if a letter from the FAB will have equal weight as Joe Public that does not have the expert ice. Guy said it will be up to the Planning Commission. Gordy said that would not be appropriate since this Board was put together as a recommending body to the BoCC and one letter from the FAB is equivalent to 12 other letters.
 - b. Guy encouraged the FAB to show up at the Planning Commission deliberations as the experts.

- V. Forest Practice Update:
 - a. Kendra gave an update on the PIPs, stream typing, and DFC rule making progress. The DNR is moving the PIP and DFC to the Forest Practice Board for the August meeting. Need input from the FAB. Seeps and springs are different from the PIP and are already protected. What is the intent of the PIP protection...water quality, amphibians, temperatures...not clear.
- VI. Blanchard Mt.:
 - a. Ken gave a report on the upcoming meeting with a group of stakeholders put together by the Doug Sutherland and Bill Wallace to help find some sort of agreements and concessions for operations on Blanchard Mt. First meeting will be May 22. The following people are on this committee: Friends of Skagit support a working forest. Years of lost harvest have occurred and the one slated for last year and then again this year was pulled until some resolution occurs.
 - i. Ken- representing the FAB
 - ii. Mitch Freeman
 - iii. Bob Rose
 - iv. Erin Berg- Friends of Blanchard Mt
 - v. Will Hamilton –forestry consultant
 - vi. Land Conservancy ??? Martha Bray??
 - vii. Clay Sprague- DNR Olympia, worked on the Policy with the BNR for forest management
 - viii. Kendra-beneficiaries
 John Howell from Cedar River Consultant will facilitate.
- VII. Talking Points: which FAB members will be responsible for the following areas? Assignments at the next meeting.
 - a. Shared Strategy....education
 - b. Comp Plan
 - c. Sustainability of the Industry and the destruction of the rural community and reduce urban sprawl. Must determine
 - d. Employment security = # of logging jobs + related jobs and what has happened

The following was not discussed at the meeting, but was asked for by the members if it could be added to the minutes:

- VIII. Timber sale information (the FAB asked Kendra to fill this in as part of the minute package):
 - a. Jon Tweedle reported to the Board of Natural Resource that the market was still strong even with the interest rates going up there is still home building going on around the country. He doesn't think the Canadian market will have much effect ...at least right now.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.