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May 5, 2008  
Minutes

Present: Fred, Tim, Chuck, Ken, Dave, Al, Paul, Dick, Aubrey. Staff: Kendra. Guest: Samantha Chang USFS and Carolyn Kelly Conservation District. Jeroldine Helberg from PDS and Tom S Open Space consultant.

- I. Introductions. Samantha is a pre-sale forester with the USFS and Carolyn is the Executive Director of the Skagit Conservation District.
  
- II. Rural Forestry Initiative: Dave, Ken, Aubrey and Al have been working on this. Dave handed the language out for FAB discussion. He noted that he had talked to each of the Commissioners. It has been reviewed several times by the sub committee and needs more feedback from the FAB. The main issue is how to continue forestry on lands that have been platted without being subject to the CAO. This really only affects those areas where there are wetlands and type 5 streams (Ns). If the building is set back the required distance is that sufficient? Carolyn suggested looking into a stewardship program like the one for ag that allows buffer reductions it enrolled in a program. The FAB said this is not available to forestry. Paul suggested different coding on the zoning map when a parcel is placed into any type of 'conservation' This would allow anyone looking at the map or going out to a property to immediately know what should be going on there – it is a resource parcel and no development. That could help with any concerns regarding critical area violations. The parcel would have a "CP" following the number. Further discussion occurred as to how the details should be worked out. The FAB all agrees with this in concept, but the details still need to be work out. The concept is to have a building envelop around the building to protect the critical areas and then to apply the forest practice rules to the remainder of the parcel...a forest management plans needs to be in place. 50 ' was suggested since that is used to protect type 5 streams (seasonal –no fish). Any other streams have greater requirements under the forest practice rules. Kendra and Aubrey said they would try and work on a draft.
  
- III. Open Space: Jeroldine and Tom were present to update the FAB on their draft Open Space and Greenbelts within and between UGAs document. The FAB received a draft the previous week via e-mail. There was much discussion regarding where the trails were going to be placed in relationship to public and private lands. The FAB emphasized how destructive it can be for the forest practice industry to have the public on their lands or to start to think that the forested lands are theirs. i.e. Blanchard and a couple of private property examples were given. The question about how the survey was conducted and who was interviewed resulted in the FAB not feeling that those most affected were really contacted. Funding was also a concern They did not believe that a tax from everyone in the county to support urban (city) residents was going to be welcomed. FAB felt more detail was needed.

Adjourned: 9:05. Next meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>