Memorandum

From: Kirk Johnson, AICP, Senior Planner

Re: Hearing on Annual 2017 Comprehensive Plan, Map and Code Amendment Docket

December 5, 2016, 10:00 am

Date: November 30, 2016

On Monday, the Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2017 Docket of Comprehensive Plan, Map and Code amendments.

This year, the County received 15 public petitions and suggestions for Comprehensive Plan policy or map amendments or new development regulations. Another 21 amendments have been proposed by the County. Those submittals are available for review at www.skagitcounty.net/2017CPA.

SCC 14.08.040(3) requires the Board to hold a public hearing and written comment period to establish the annual docket. Monday's hearing is scheduled from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

The written comment period runs until 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 8. Additional details regarding the public hearing and written comment period are contained in this Notice of Availability. To be considered part of the formal record, written comments must be submitted directly to Planning & Development Services, as further described in the Notice of Availability.

One of the docket proposals (PL15-0383), to create a fully contained community at Butler Hill, involves regional land use policy issues within the jurisdiction of the GMA Steering Committee (GMASC). The GMASC will meet on December 14 to decide whether it is willing to consider changes to the countywide population forecast and allocations necessary for the creation of a fully contained community in Skagit County.

On November 10, Planning & Development Services issued a staff report containing docketing recommendations on the various docket proposals. The staff report is available on the PDS website at: www.skagitcounty.net/2017CPA.

The Board of County Commissioners is scheduled to decide what items to include in the 2017 Docket on December 20.