

**MASON COUNTY
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION**

December 17, 2012

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Randy Neatherlin.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Jim Sims, Bill Dewey, Kristy Buck, Ken VanBuskirk,
Randy Neatherlin and Cathi Bright.

Staff present: Barbara Adkins and LaJane Schopfer.

3. NEW BUSINESS

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Randy Neatherlin opened the workshop with the discussion of procedures and upcoming public process regarding the Shoreline Management Program Update. LaJane Schopfer, Mason County Community Development, Planner III, and Tim Gates, Project Officer with the Department of Ecology presented.

Tim Gates, Project Officer of the Department of Ecology, and employed with the Department of Commerce, presented an introduction of the History of Shoreline Act, State Policy and how the program works through a PowerPoint Presentation, which is available through our website at:

http://www.co.mason.wa.us/community_dev/shoreline_master_program/SMP_open_house_pp_10242012.pdf

1. Introduction to the Shoreline Management Act (SMA)

- History, State Policy
- Policies
- Regulations
- Permit Designations

Chair Randy Neatherlin stopped the meeting to discuss with the Board the content of the meeting. He felt the meeting was to discuss the procedures, but that it seemed more like a public hearing instead. Cathi Bright asked if it was advertised as a public hearing. It was confirmed that it was advertised as a work study session of public process and procedures.

Randy said the direction of the next phase of the public process was not met in the advertizing. They asked that the next meeting be a public hearing to discuss the Shoreline Master Program procedures, revisions and regulations. Bill Dewey asked what the Chair recommends and asked for a more informed discussion on what the Citizen's Advisory Committee did. It was discussed how to best discuss the next public hearing and publish the public process regarding the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update.

Staff recommended two workshops, then public hearings to follow. Cathi asked to see a schedule from Staff and what was expected of the Board in the following months. Randy asked Board members if what they were doing was outside the public process or if this was an overview of the SMP and if anyone had a motion to change, if not they would let Tim continue with his presentation. All were in favor to move forward with the meeting.

Tim Gates continued with his PowerPoint Presentation.

- Permits needed under Title 15
- Exemptions from Permits
- Shoreline Permit History

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Jim Sims asked about the number of permits approved through the SMP and what types of permits were and were not issued. Staff agreed that they would break it down for the next meeting.

- Environmental Designations
Urban / Rural / Conservancy / Natural

2. Mason County's Update

- County Update Process: Why the SMP Now
- Regulations and State Guidelines
Ecology guidelines: No net Loss of ecological functions.

Reads: "Baseline is current conditions. Assumes development will occur. Individual projects should avoid impacts where possible, mitigate for unavoidable impacts."

Board asked Tim to add the wording "New Development" to be included to the baseline.

- How to Review the Draft Process
Identify Shoreline Jurisdiction: 703 total shoreline miles
Shoreline Inventory/Characterization
Environment Designations, Regulations
Restoration Plan
Local and State Adoption

Board noted that the next advertised workshop to state specifically which sections of the Shoreline Master Program will be discussed and advertised.

Cathi asked if an electronic copy of the draft could be emailed to the Board. It was determined that staff would email to Barbara who would email out.

Randy asked the Board if they would like to discuss procedures and any upcoming public processes. Ken VanBuskirk stated that he wanted to know what they were planning for meetings. Staff added that they will try to have a draft copy out for the next meeting that is presentable for the public and to have it available online.

The public comment portion of the hearing was opened.

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Both John Tupper and Bill Huennekens of Lake Nahwatzel stated that they came to see what and how things were happening.

The public comment period was closed.

Randy asked to discuss the January meeting for the next workshop. It was recommended that January 28 be the next scheduled meeting for the workshop along with a rezone on the agenda. Bill Dewey asked to be excused from the January 28 meeting and asked that Aquaculture not be discussed that evening if possible. And it was in agreement that the public was invited to the workshops.

It was agreed to have two additional workshops, if necessary, in February. The first meeting to be held February 11, and the second, if necessary, on February 25.

March's meeting would fall on the 18th and April would be the continuation of the public hearing on the 15th.

Barbara Adkin's added that there are still two position's available for the PAC. She has advertised the positions, but has yet to receive any applications. Board asked for confirmation on which Commissioner District Position's were open. Staff will confirm at next meeting.

Adjournment at 8:25 pm.