

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 17th, 2016
Burlington City Council Chambers
Burlington, WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County, GMASC Chair; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton, GMASC Vice-Chair; Mayor Jill Boudreau, City of Mount Vernon; Councilman Rick DeGloria, City of Burlington; Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes; Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County; Treasurer Katie Jungquist, Skagit County; Mayor Keith Wagoner, City of Sedro-Woolley.

1. Roll Call: The meeting of the Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) was called to order at 2:48 PM. Roll was taken with a quorum present.
2. Approval of December 16th, 2015 GMASC Meeting Minutes: Mayor Boudreau moved approval of meeting minutes from the December 16th, 2015 GMASC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Janicki. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Officer Elections: Kevin Murphy, Executive Director of the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG), said that officers of the GMASC must be elected every year and that one must be from a member city/town and the other from Skagit County. Mayor Boudreau nominated Mayor Cromley to serve as Chair of the GMASC. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Janicki. Commissioner Janicki nominated Commissioner Dahlstedt to serve as Vice-Chair of the GMASC. The nomination was seconded by Mayor Boudreau. The motion approving the nominations carried unanimously.
4. 2017 Work Program and Budget: Mr. Murphy presented the proposed 2017 Growth Management Act Support Work Program and Budget. Included are two tasks, which are for administrative support and technical support. Administrative support is estimated to cost \$8,000 and technical support \$18,000. Costs are to be shared between the members of the 2002 Framework Agreement based on their respective share of population using Washington's Office of Financial Management 2016 official population estimates. Billing from SCOG will be quarterly or more infrequently if necessary.

Mayor Boudreau moved approval of the 2017 Work Program and Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Gere. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Information/Discussion Item: Skagit County Docket Proposal Received regarding Avalon Fully Contained Community: Mr. Murphy introduced the agenda item, noting that Skagit County has received three docketing proposals regarding the Avalon Fully Contained Community at Butler Hill. Mayor Boudreau said she wants clarity about what the roles and responsibilities are for the GMASC and Skagit County in this process. The GMASC discussed their responsibilities under the 2002 Framework Agreement and their authority in recommending countywide planning policies, population-employment allocations and urban growth area modifications to the Board of County Commissioners.

Dale Pernula, Planning Director for Skagit County, provided an overview of the three docketing proposals and asked for guidance from the GMASC about whether or not they would consider an additional population allocation for the Avalon Fully Contained Community.

GMASC members discussed potential approaches to amending countywide planning policies and population allocations, as well as the appropriate analysis and policy questions that may be necessary to inform future decisions in these matters.

The GMASC set the next meeting for October 19th, 2016 at the Burlington City Council Chambers following the SCOG governing body meetings. Prior to the October meeting, SCOG staff will work with Skagit County planning staff and other Growth Management Act Technical Advisory Committee members to begin to outline potential policy questions and alternatives for the GMASC to consider at the meeting.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director
Skagit Council of Governments

Date: _____

Approved:

Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County
GMASC Chair

Date: _____