

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2005-411

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Matt Aamot	WA	10/10/05	DISTRIBUTED TO OCT 18 2005 ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/25/05	P&D/Council
Division Head: Troy Holbrook	JH	10-10-05		11/9/2005	Council
Dept. Head: Hal Hart	JCH	10-12-05			
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham	RB	10-12-05			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive: Pete Kremen	PK	10-18-05			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: Resolution establishing the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

(1) Proposed resolution establishing Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee.

SEPA review required? () Yes (x) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (x) NO
SEPA review completed? () Yes (x) NO	Requested Date:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1997. This plan contains goals and policies applicable to the County. However, subarea plans were also developed for 11 areas within Whatcom County. One of these plans is the Foothills Subarea Plan, which was adopted in 1988. The Foothills Subarea Plan covers a portion of the east County including the Columbia Valley/Kendall Urban Growth Area, several small towns, forestry lands, rural lands, recreational developments, the North and Middle Forks of the Nooksack River, and a segment of the Mt. Baker High Way corridor that leads up to Mt. Baker.

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Policy 2L-2 is to "Retain and periodically update the adopted Subarea Plans" including the Foothills Subarea Plan. The Columbia Valley/Kendall area was designated as an Urban Growth Area in 1999. Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan land use chapter action item # 11 is to "Revise county subarea plans to incorporate urban growth area boundaries as identified in this plan, ensure consistency with this plan, and eliminate any redundancy in policy."

Whatcom County intends to undertake a community planning process in 2006 to update the Foothills Subarea Plan. This Subarea Plan update process should occur with the assistance of a citizen advisory committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION:	COUNCIL ACTION:
	10/25/05: Approved 7-0. Resolution 2005-062
	11/9/2005: Council rescinded motion to approve original Res. 2005-062, and approved a substitute resolution 7-0, Res. #2005-062

Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2005-062
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Please Note: Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.

Sponsored by: Consent

Proposed by: Consent

Introduction date: 11/9/2005

**** SUBSTITUTE - AS APPROVED ON 11/9/05****
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-062

ESTABLISHING THE FOOTHILLS SUBAREA PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.080) states that a comprehensive plan may include subarea plans, each of which is consistent with the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Foothills Subarea Plan was adopted in 1988. Goal Statement 2 in the Subarea Plan indicates that the planning period associated with the Plan was 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Policy 2L-2 is to "Retain and periodically update the adopted Subarea Plans" including the Foothills Subarea Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia Valley/Kendall Urban Growth Area was established in 1999. Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Chapter action item # 11 is to "Revise county subarea plans to incorporate urban growth area boundaries as identified in this plan, ensure consistency with this plan, and eliminate any redundancy in policy;" and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County intends to undertake a community planning process in 2006 to update the Foothills Subarea Plan; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Chapter action item # 16 is to "Establish Council appointed subarea citizens' committees to participate in the updating and review of subarea plans;" and

WHEREAS, County-Wide Planning Policy A-5 states "The county and the cities shall establish a system for subarea, community and neighborhood liaison to foster communication between the respective government and its neighborhoods. . ."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that a Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee is hereby established. The members of the Committee will represent their respective communities, recommend methods of reaching out to the community and obtaining public input, provide advice to the Planning & Development Services Department, review work of the planning consultant, and recommend the text, goals, policies, action items, and maps that should be in the Foothills Subarea Plan.

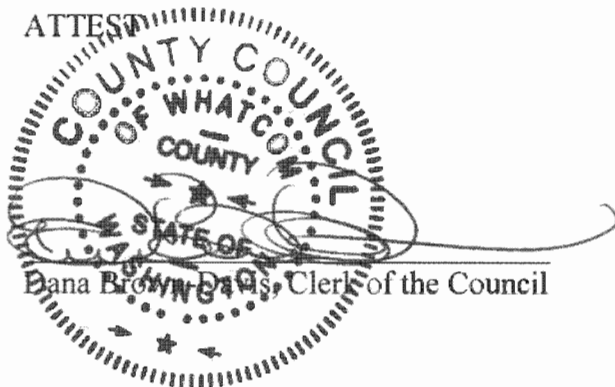
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee will be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The Committee will consist of 11 members as follows:

1. Glacier area representative;
2. Maple Falls area representative;
3. Columbia Valley/Kendall Urban Growth Area representatives (three members);
4. Deming area representative (it is anticipated that the boundary of the Subarea Plan will be adjusted to include Deming);
5. Forestry representative;
6. Rural representative;
7. At large representative;
8. Nooksack Tribe representative; and
9. Business community representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Advisory Committee may operate on a consensus basis, provided that if consensus cannot be reached, a majority vote shall determine the recommendation of the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee will be appointed by January 2006 and should complete its work and issue final recommendations by July 2006.

APPROVED this 9th day of November 2005.



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor