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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**Planning and Development Committee**

May 12, 2009

Committee Chair Laurie Caskey-Schreiber called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Present:

Bob Kelly  
Carl Weimer

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Barbara Brenner  
Seth Fleetwood  
Sam Crawford

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 2006 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED POLICIES FOR THE BELLINGHAM URBAN FRINGE SUBAREA PLAN (AB2009-243)**

David Stalheim, Planning and Development Services Department Director, gave a staff report. The two options for this item are to try and incorporate them in to the urban growth area (UGA) review process or put it on the docket for 2010 for amendments to the subarea plan. He suggests that the Council have staff mine this recommendation for policies that can be included in the countywide plan.

The following person answered questions:

- Rebecca Craven, Council Policy Analyst

Discussion included how to proceed with this item and trying to apply these recommendations while they're working with the cities on the UGA process.

Caskey-Schreiber stated Planning Staff can determine which recommendations are appropriate countywide, modify any recommendations as needed, take the modified recommendations to the Growth Management Coordinating Council (GMCC), and return them to the Council within the UGA process.

**Kelly moved** to send to Planning staff to determine which recommendations are appropriate countywide, modify any recommendations as needed, take the modified recommendations to the Growth Management Coordinating Council (GMCC), and return them to the Council within the UGA process.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

**1. ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE, TITLE 20, FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFYING THE DEFINITIONS OF BED AND BREAKFAST**

1           **OPERATIONS AND ADDITIONAL STANDARDS THROUGHOUT THE CODE**  
2           **(AB2009-229)**

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4           Michelle Stiles, Planning and Development Services Department, gave a staff report.

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6           Discussion included the reason for the lodging definition; whether staff received  
7 input on this issue from the Bed and Breakfast owner community, and; the reason for  
8 making the lodging use incidental to the residential use.

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10          **Weimer moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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12          **Motion carried 3-0.**

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14          **2. ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE, TITLE 20, FOR THE**  
15          **PURPOSES OF CLARIFYING THE DEFINITIONS OF DAY CARE OPERATIONS**  
16          **AND ADDITIONAL STANDARDS THROUGHOUT THE CODE (AB2009-230)**

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18          Michelle Stiles, Planning and Development Services Department, gave a staff report.

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20          The following people spoke:

- 21           • Gracie Thompson, 215 Evergreen Way, stated they should discuss allowing  
22           child care centers in agricultural zones. She described the nonprofit childcare  
23           center she wants to develop on a specific property in an agricultural area.

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25          Discussion included advocating for allowing a child care center in the agricultural  
26 zone.

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28          **Weimer moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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30          **Motion carried 3-0.**

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32          **3. CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION ON**  
33          **PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD2005-0007) AND PRELIMINARY LONG**  
34          **SUBDIVISION, (LSS2005-0012) FOR "LINCOLN ROAD PLAT", FILED BY MIKE**  
35          **OWENS (AB2009-248)**

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37          The following people spoke:

- 38           • Jon Sitkin, Fire District 21 Attorney, stated include the concurrency  
39           agreement in the Council packet. They support the recommendation.  
40           • David Stalheim, Planning and Development Services Department Director

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42          Amy Keenan, Planning and Development Services Director, gave a staff report.

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44          Discussion included impact fees and a dedicated easement for a road and what  
45 happens to this project if they shrink the urban growth area (UGA).

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47          *(Clerk's Note: End of tape one, side A.)*

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49          Discussion continued and included school impact fees for the Blaine School District.

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51          **Kelly moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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53          **Motion carried 3-0.**

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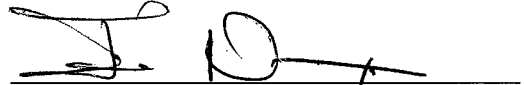
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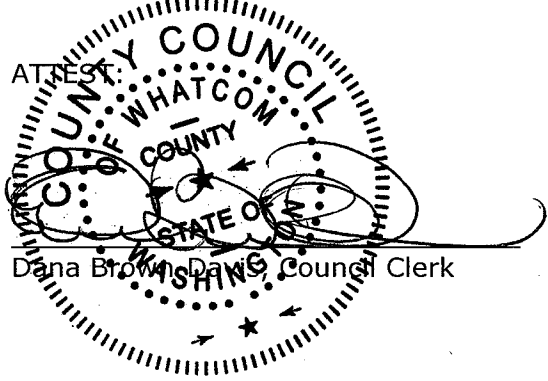
Fleetwood referenced Public Hearing items two and three scheduled before the full Council this evening, and asked if everything is worked out for those items.

David Stalheim, Planning and Development Services Department Director, stated he has not received any more comments on this item.

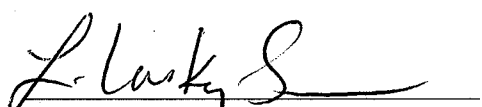
**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

  
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Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

ATTEST:  
  
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Dana Brown, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Committee Chair

