

FOOTHILLS SUBAREA PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

March 8, 2006

1. Matt called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.
2. Matt went over Resolution 2005-062, approved by the County Council, which created the Committee and established the purpose of the Committee. Ultimately, the Committee will make recommendations that will go to the Planning Commission and the County Council. (Resolution handout).
3. The Scope of Work and contract with Studio Cascade was reviewed. Matt explained that the budget is in two phases. Phase One is funded. The Planning Department is looking for funds for Phase Two. (Request for Proposal/Scope of Work handout).
4. Maps of the area depicting Comp Plan designations, zoning designations, topography, critical areas, wellhead protection areas, communication towers, pipelines, power lines and aerial photos were reviewed.
5. The addition of Deming, which is now in the Lynden/Nooksack Valley Subarea, to the Foothills Subarea was discussed. A map created by the University of Washington students (in the initial Subarea update attempt by University of Washington graduate students in 2002) shows a proposed boundary that greatly expands the Foothills Subarea to Cedarville, includes some of Goodwin Road and removes a significant portion of the northwest portion of the Subarea. A discussion ensued as to whether to include much of the student's proposal in the Subarea. It was pointed out that there was no representation at the poorly attended public meeting held by the students, from the areas proposed to be changed. The decision on the boundary was deferred to the next meeting.
6. Bill Grimes, consultant from Studio Cascade, went over his draft public outreach strategy. Committee members suggested changes, gave input on outreach sources and suggested that extra effort needs to be undertaken to include the Slavic community. (Foothills Subarea Planning – Draft Outreach Strategy handout).
7. Copies of the 1988 Foothills Subarea Plan were distributed to Committee members.
8. The next meeting date was set for March 29th, 2006, 3-5PM.
9. The Committee accepted email as the method of contact.
10. The election of a Chair and Vice-Chairperson was deferred to the next meeting.