

LAND USE BULLETIN



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This bulletin provides an update on all pending land use actions ranging from opportunities for citizen involvement and appeal of proposed development projects, to the meeting calendar for land use and planning related activities.

APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS



PLANNING COMMISSION — is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers** located at **833 S. Spruce Street**.

☞ Public hearing a proposed 14-lot subdivision to create zero lot line residences in an approved duplex development that meets all the underlying zoning district requirements. Site is located on **Oak Hill Lane**. Commonwealth LP, applicant.

☞ Plan review of proposed construction of three duplexes located at **1231 E. Fairhaven Avenue**, established as a contract rezone. Applicant is Roger Helgeson.

☞ Introduction of the Burlington Shoreline Analysis Report and Shoreline Master Program draft that is out for public comment in April and May.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — No meeting for April.

CODE CHANGES & NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ISSUES

Downtown Burlington Art Walk



Burlington Arts Council — Visit the **Downtown Art Walk** during the Tulip Festival in April!!!! Several businesses on Fairhaven Avenue are displaying local artists work in their stores.

The Burlington Shoreline Master Program will soon be available for public comments on the city's website, www.ci.burlington.wa.us, on the Planning Department page. Comments are appreciated.



Tell us what you think of the recently blacktopped Highway 20 trail between Gardner Road & Lions Park.

Send your comments to:
bplanning@ci.burlington.wa.us

MEETING CALENDAR FOR APRIL

» **CITY COUNCIL** — *Thursday, April 22 and May 13, 2010 at 7 p.m.*

» **PLANNING COMMISSION**
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Meetings are held in the City
Council Chambers at
833 S. Spruce Street



APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT 755-9717 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY PROJECT



CITY OF BURLINGTON AND DIKE DISTRICT #12 FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION

Final Environmental Impact Statement is nearing completion. The Proposed Action is: Construct 100-year certified levees that are accredited by FEMA along the Skagit River frontage of Burlington based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) final Flood Insurance Study, when this study is adopted following resolution of any appeals. Provide long term protection measures for the edges of the existing Urban Growth Area that address open space, farmland, greenbelt and public health.

GAGES SLOUGH & SKAGIT RIVER CORRIDOR UPDATE

The cities and towns located in the Skagit River Delta area are attempting to come up with a reasonable approach to comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response to the Biological Opinion that claims that floodplain development is killing Orca Whales and Chinook Salmon. The unique situation here in the Skagit River basin is not addressed adequately in the proposed Model Ordinance, and it is hoped that an alternative approach can be put in place that will protect citizens from overregulation in existing communities. Stay tuned!

One of the important projects for the long term future is to complete a really great nonmotorized plan for Burlington, for bikes and pedestrians. Links along Gages Slough and the Skagit River that connect around and through the city are planned.

The stormwater code has just been updated to add the latest and greatest options for Low Impact Development to help improve water quality by filtering runoff through grassy swales and native plants in rain gardens. Every citizen can help by using organic gardening techniques and keeping high strength fertilizers and pesticides out of Burlington!

Spring planting and yard work is here and there are lots of choices for a cleaner more natural approach.



How to Get Involved

If you are interested in keeping up on events and issues in Burlington, please contact the Planning Department at 755-9717 or stop by the office at 833 S. Spruce Street. If you have neighbors who are interested in what is happening, we will be happy to put them on our mailing list!

The Mayor is looking for an interested citizen who wants to be on the Board of Adjustment. This is a great opportunity to be a part of your community and learn how the city makes decisions in the neighborhoods. Give us a call if you are interested!



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