

## 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, January 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 833 S. Spruce Street.

- ▶ Plan review of proposed development of last remaining Fred Meyer tenant pad on north side of Gilkey Road for an 8 lot binding site plan with 8 buildings, totaling 24,491 square feet with associated parking and landscaping. Applicant is City Comforts, Inc.
- ▶ Public meeting on proposed 6 lot short subdivision #SS 3-07 located on Burlington Heights Drive. Applicant is Cammock LLC.
- ▶ Remand from the City Council to further consider a proposed amendment to Ordinance #1316, Conditioned Rezone from MR-NB to B-1, to reauthorize the drive-through. Site is located at 320 North Burlington Boulevard and the applicant is Frank and Bj Kendall.
- ▶ Public meeting to discuss a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan to delete the north and south extension of Bouslog Road located west of Goldenrod Road. Applicant is I-5 Burlington LLC represented by Ravnik and Associates.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**—There are no action items for the Board of Adjustment in January.

## APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

### CITY OF BURLINGTON AND SKAGIT COUNTY DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS

**Description of proposal:** An amendment to the Burlington Floodplain Management and Natural Hazard Mitigation chapter of the Skagit County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to upgrade the existing levees and construct new levees as necessary to result in 100-year Certified Levees around the City of Burlington's Urban Area.

The proposed action is to construct 100-year certified levees based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) final Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) when they are adopted following resolution of any appeals. Other alternatives include amendments to the Urban Growth Area boundaries for a future school site and No Action.

**Status:** Development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and amendments to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is in process.

## CODE CHANGES & NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ISSUES

Work is in process on updating the zoning code and developing design standards and street standards for Downtown. Later this spring, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan is going to be updated to include new Residential Street Standards. The acquisition of Railroad Park for the public centerpiece in old Downtown is in process.



# GAGES SLOUGH & SKAGIT RIVER CORRIDOR UPDATE



The City of Burlington is beginning the process of implementing the new water quality mandates that include best management practices for construction sites, and increased coordination with the Department of Ecology on both construction sites and industrial facilities that may be discharging into the storm drain system. If we all coordinate and the rules of the road are very clear, this should be a workable program. It is definitely going to cost the city money over the years to come.

Gages Slough will be the centerpiece for developing a long term maintenance approach, so that restored buffers will not die under the weight of blackberries and reed canary grass, and the habitat corridor will flourish over the years to come. A pilot project will be to clean up and maintain the Jack Doyle Memorial Park wetland buffer. It was planted by volunteers including a lot of students in 2000 and will be an excellent model. There are at least 15 sites identified for habitat and wetland improvement and water quality upgrade projects in the Gages Slough corridor.

## MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

- » **CITY COUNCIL**—*Thursday, January 24 and Thursday, February 14, 2008* at 7:00 p.m.
- » **PLANNING COMMISSION**—*Wednesday, January 16, 2008* at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held in the **City Council Chambers** at:  
**833 S. Spruce Street, Burlington**

## 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!



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