

**WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD  
FOR KING COUNTY**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 09, 2009

Bellevue, Washington

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Claudia Hirschey, Chair, convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

**II ROLL CALL**

The following members were present:

Evangeline Anderson	Charles Booth
Sylvia Bushnell	A.J. Culver
Robert George	John Holman
Roger Loschen	Michael Marchand

**III MINUTES**

**A. SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING – CITY OF KIRKLAND FINN HILL, JUANITA, KINGSGATE ANNEXATION (FILE NO 2293) JUNE 8, 2009**

Chair Hirschey presented the minutes of the Special Meeting/Public Hearing of June 8, 2009 for review and action by the Board members.

*Action: A.J. Culver moved and Charles Booth seconded the motion to adopt the minutes for the Special Meeting/Public Hearing for the proposed City of Kirkland Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate Annexation (June 8, 2009.) The Board members voted eight in favor of approval of this record. Evangeline Anderson abstained as she did not attend the meeting.*

**B. REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 17, 2009**

Chair Hirschey presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2009 for review and action by the Board members.

*Review:* Roger Loschen requested that the individual vote count as reported in the June 17, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes be reviewed in the matter of the record for File 2258. The vote was confirmed as follows:

- MAY 26, 2009: SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
The Board members voted nine in favor of approval of this record. AJ Culver abstained as he did not attend the meeting.
- MAY 27, 2009: SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
The Board members voted unanimously in favor of approval of this record.
- MAY 28, 2009: SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
The Board members voted unanimously in favor of approval of this record.
- JUNE 8, 2009: RESOLUTION AND HEARING DECISION  
The Board members voted eight in favor of and two in opposition to the motion to adopt the Resolution and Hearing Decision for File No. 2258.  
Voting in favor were: Evangeline Anderson, Charles Booth, Sylvia Bushnell, Robert Cook, AJ Culver, Robert George, Claudia Hirschey, and John Holman. Voting in opposition were: Lynn Guttman and Roger Loschen.

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*Action: Charles Booth moved and Robert George seconded the motion to adopt the minutes, as presented, for the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2009.*

*Board members voted seven in favor of this record (Evangeline Anderson, Charles Booth, Sylvia Bushnell, AJ Culver, Robert George, John Holman.) Roger Loschen voted in opposition to this record. Michael Marchand abstained as he did not attend the meeting.*

**IV. RESOLUTION AND HEARING DECISION: CITY OF KIRKLAND – FINN HILL, JUANITA, KINGSGATE ANNEXATION (FILE NO. 2293):**

Chair Hirschey introduced the Preliminary Resolution & Hearing Decision for the proposed City of Kirkland Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate Annexation (4590 acres.) On June 8, 2009, the Board conducted a public hearing for this Notice of Intention and came to a preliminary decision to approve the proposed annexation.

Chair Hirschey invited the Board to present a motion and enter into discussion concerning the Preliminary Resolution & Hearing Decision for the Notice of Intention.

*Motion: Charles Booth moved and John Holman seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution and Hearing Decision for File No. 2293 approving the proposed annexation of the Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate Area (4590 acres) to the City of Kirkland.*

Board members entered the following statements into the record:

- The Board undertook extensive consideration to the record for File No. 2293. Board members recognize that annexation would result in both opportunities and challenges. On balance, the City of Kirkland reports the commitment and availability of resources to govern and serve the area.
- The record for File No. 2293 was generally well-presented by City of Kirkland representatives. It was noted, however, that File No. 2293 presented an array of complex and interesting issues, for which it would have been desirable to have additional information in the record and in the presentation, including matters related to:
  - Designation of the Queensgate Area in a manner that divides the community into two jurisdictions.
  - Administration of individual parcels split between jurisdictions (e.g., Redmond, Bothell, Woodinville.)
  - The existence of a private parks district to serve Denny Park.
  - Plans for future management of public parks, open spaces, and recreation areas throughout the Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate Area.
  - Plans for and organization of the provision of fire services to the Area and surrounding territories. Of particular interest is the impacts related to implementation of ESSB 5808 as linked to employment of firefighters.
- The citizens of Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate will have the opportunity to consider the benefits and costs of annexation and to express their views at the ballot box.

*Action: Charles Booth restated the motion and John Holman seconded the restatement of the motion to adopt the Resolution and Hearing Decision for File No. 2293 approving the proposed annexation by the City of Kirkland of the Finn Hill, Juanita, Kingsgate Area (4590 acres.) The Board members voted eight in favor of the motion to adopt the Resolution and Hearing Decision for File No. 2293. Evangeline Anderson abstained as she did not attend the public hearing.*

Chair Hirschey reported that the Resolution and Hearing Decision will be filed on July 10, 2009. A 30 day appeal period will commence for this Decision, as mandated by RCW 36.93.

## V. ADMINISTRATION

### A. CHAIR'S REPORT

General Business: Claudia Hirschey reported that the Board staff is currently working on several projects including: (1) coordinating programs with King County Executive/Council Work Program; (2) coordinating activities with the State Association for Legislature 2009; (3) pre-development review for future Notices of Intention; (4) administration of the Year 2009 Budget Proposal; (5) preparing 2010 Budget Proposal; and (6) planning of Orientation Program for 2009.

### B. Committee Reports

Personnel Committee: Chair Hirschey reported that annual Performance Appraisals for staff are due to King County in September. Mrs. Blauman evaluates Mr. Holmes' performance. The Board evaluates Mrs. Blauman's performance under the guidance of the Personnel Committee. Shortly, Mrs. Blauman will send materials required for the evaluation to the members of the Personnel Committee. Roger Loschen is Chair of the Committee. Members are Charles Booth and John Holman. The Committee will complete the preliminary evaluation materials and those materials will be provided to the full Board for deliberation and final action.

Steering Committee: The Steering Committee will meet to discuss two matters of interest to the Board as follows: (1) review of contents of the Regular Meeting package to determine efficacy of streamlining the materials provided to members of the Board; and (2) review of content/format of minutes for Special Meetings/Public Hearings before the Board.

The Steering Committee will be gathering in September to address these matters.

### C. Executive Secretary's Report

Washington State Association of Boundary Review Boards: Legislature 2009:

Ms. Blauman reported that ESSB 5808 is slated to become effective on July 26, 2009.

The bill, as adopted, is broad-ranging legislation which enables cities and special purpose districts to annex land by interlocal agreements. The bill also provides for transfer of firefighters from terminated agencies to local jurisdictions.

Provisions are clearly stated in some sections of the law. Other sections of the law are unclear and subject to considerable interpretation. Municipal Services Research Center counsel and counsel of various regional and local jurisdictions are continuing to work to more clearly understand, interpret, and implement ESSB 5808.

City of Sammamish: The City of Sammamish has advised that two annexations (i.e., Aldarra, Montaine) are being finalized with the intention to submit a Notice of Intention to the Board in Summer 2009.

City of Renton: The City of Renton has planned to submit several new Notices of Intention.

Two particular annexations ("Choose Fairwood"; Red Mill) remain under consideration for submittal of Notices of Intention to the Board in late 2009. Final decision making on the submittal of these annexations must await the completion of the election for a new City of Fairwood because these areas include lands currently proposed for incorporation into Fairwood.

The City is also preparing a Notice of Intention for the West Hill/Skyway Annexation.

City of Seattle: The City of Seattle has begun to actively explore annexation of North Highline Area "Y." City representatives report a plan to submit a Notice of Intention in late 2009 or early 2010.

City of North Bend: The City of North Bend reports that a major annexation - Wood River – is under consideration for submittal of a Notice of Intention to the Board in 2009 or early 2010.

City of Tukwila: The City of Tukwila reports that a major annexation – Tukwila South (260 acres) – is under consideration for submittal of a Notice of Intention to the Board in August of 2009.

**D. CORRESPONDENCE**

General correspondence was presented by Chair Hirschey. Ms. Hirschey invited comment related to this correspondence. No comments were offered by members.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEW FILES**

File No. 2301 – City of Sammamish: Rosemont at Timberline Area

The City of Sammamish proposes the addition of approximately 4.7 acres, known as the Rosemont at Timberline Area. Annexation is sought by the proponents to develop under City of Sammamish regulations and processes and to receive public services from the City of Sammamish. The Sammamish City Council adopted this annexation proposal in June, 2009. The annexation is proposed under RCW 35A.14.

The Rosemont at Timberline Area Annexation is located on the north side of the City of Sammamish. The northern, western, and eastern boundaries of the Rosemont Area are formed by the Evans Crest Natural Area (King County Urban Unincorporated Area.) The southern boundary is formed by the City of Sammamish.

The City of Sammamish is seeking annexation in order to more efficiently govern and serve the Area. The proposed annexation is also in keeping with interests by citizens in joining the City in order to participate in local government, to administer land uses under City of Sammamish regulations, and to receive public services (e.g., sewer services) from Sammamish.

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Board members raised no substantive comments or questions with respect to the proposed Notice of Intention.

File No. 2302 – Covington Water District: Kent School District Annexation

The Covington Water District proposes to annex approximately 20 acres of land known as the Kent School District Area located entirely within the City of Covington. The Covington Water District initiated this annexation proposal, based upon a property owner petition, pursuant to RCW 57.24 (Annexation of Unincorporated Territory) which permits annexation of territory by the District Board of Commissioners. A Resolution for Annexation was approved by the District in April, 2009.

The Covington Water District includes within its Comprehensive Plan the Kent School District Annexation Area. At present, the property is developed with two single-family dwellings. Residents obtain water from on-site wells.

The District is proposing the Kent School District Annexation at this time in order to facilitate the provision of coordinated water services (including fire flow service) to the subject property – which is slated to be redeveloped with the Covington Replacement Elementary School as well as other potential residential and public uses. The District reports sufficient resources to provide services upon annexation to the development planned for Kent School District Annexation Area.

