

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD
FOR KING COUNTY
RESOLUTION AND HEARING DECISION

IN RE: CITY OF RENTON
Fairwood Area
Proposed Annexation
King County, Washington

FILE NO. 2308

I. PUBLIC HEARING OVERVIEW

In January of 2010, the City of Renton, the proponent, filed a Notice of Intention with the Boundary Review Board to annex the Fairwood Area (File No. 2308) as prescribed by RCW 36.93 (Local Governmental Organization – Boundaries.) The City of Renton proposes to annex 3995 acres of land generally located in southeast King County. The application for annexation was based upon a Resolution of the Renton City Council pursuant to RCW 35.14A.

The Boundary Review Board conducted a Special Meeting/Public Hearing to consider the proposed annexation of the Fairwood Area to the City of Renton on March 22, 2010. The Board closed the Special Meeting/Public Hearing on March 22, 2010, and conducted deliberations to come to a preliminary decision in the matter of the proposed annexation.

Washington law requires the Board to: (1) examine the record (e.g., application materials; technical studies; fiscal studies; regulatory analyses; other documents, exhibits, statements and testimony); (2) determine the specific policies and guidelines are applicable to the proposed action; (3) review and weigh these elements; and (4) take the action that best advances those elements.

The Board reviewed the record for **File No. 2308** as prescribed by RCW 36.93. The Board directed particular attention to RCW 36.93.170 (Factors) and RCW 36.93.180 (Objectives.) Additional authorities applicable to **File No. 2308** include, but are not limited to: RCW 36.70A (State Growth Management Act); King County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Policies, City of Renton Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable state, regional, and local regulations and guidelines.

The Board finds that the record for File No. 2308 contains sufficient documentation (e.g. planning activities; fiscal studies; evidence of community information programs, and certification of petitions and/or legislative action) to complete its review of the proposed annexation by the City of Renton of the Fairwood Area.

On the basis of the testimony, evidence and exhibits presented at said hearing, and the matters on record in said **File No. 2308**, it is the decision of the Board to **approve and modify the Fairwood Area Annexation (3995 acres) to include the entirety of the Soos Creek Park and Trail Area at 71.5 acres (north of SE 208th Street.)** pursuant The decision to modify is based upon the agreement among the City of Renton, the City of Kent, and King County for transfer of the Soos Creek Park and Trail territory.

The legal description for the Fairwood Area (including the Soos Creek Park and Trail Area) is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit I", together with a map showing the boundaries of the area herein marked as "Exhibit II."

