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APA MAKES HEADWAY IN LEGISLATURE

Mary Lynne Evans

The Washington Chapter of APA was actively involved in the 2004 session of the Washington State Legislature. At the time of writing this article, the legislative session was drawing to a close, and the fate of many bills was becoming clearer.

The bills reported here had been passed out of the House and Senate and were on their way to Governor Gary Locke's desk for signature. Our chapter was instrumental in the writing and passage of a number of bills, as well as reviewing, critiquing and commenting on other legislation. (Check Web site www.leg.wa.gov for the final fate of the bills, as last-minute changes are not uncommon.)

APA was an active member of a legislative group called the "Working Group." The Working Group was originally convened by Governor Locke in response to a bill in the 2003 Legislature, an opt-out bill for smaller, slower growing counties. The group included APA, 1000 Friends of Washington, League of Women Voters, the Realtors Association, Washington Environmental Council, National Association of Office and Business Parks, The Washington Farm Bureau and others.

Beginning in the summer of 2002, the group reviewed the charge given it by the governor and drafted policy issue papers. The constituent groups then bought off on the papers. From these, the Working Group then drafted legislation that again was reviewed by the constituent groups and agreed upon. If a bill was not agreed upon by the group, it was not forwarded to the 2004 Legislature.

The following bills from the Working Group were passed by the Legislature. At the time of this writing, they were on their way to the governor for signature.

Senate Bill 6237 Agricultural Land use. A bill allowing non-agricultural commercial and retail uses that support and sustain agriculture operation on a designated agricultural land of long-term significance.

HB 2781 Changing provisions related to expedited state agency review of development regulations. A bill allowing state agencies to expedite their review of development regulations if requested by local jurisdictions.

HB 2905 Modification of provision of uses allowed in a type 1 LAMIRD. A bill clarifying and allowing commercial, retail and mixed uses in type 1 Limited Areas of More Intense

Rural Development.

SB 6534 Industrial Land Banks. A bill allowing a designation process for the siting of industrial land banks.

The model of the Working Group – a coalition of groups working together to find acceptable changes and clarifications to GMA – was warmly received by the governor and the Legislature. Chairs of the primary committees of the House and Senate felt that having a consensually agreed upon proposal from this group was an indication of the soundness of the proposal. Although not all the bills or issues attempted by the group made their way into legislation, or were passed, the four bills listed above were significant contributions to the session.

The chapter was instrumental in the work done by the Working Group. Members of APA who participated were: Lisa Verner, past president; Michael McCormick, FAICP; and Jill Sterrett, past vice president.

The present board of the chapter and the legislative committee of the APA also were active participants in the activity of the Working Group, reviewing and commenting at all stages of the development of the legislation.

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AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON CHAPTER

LIVE BILL STATUS AS OF 5PM MARCH 8, 2004

SHB	2452	Electric utility facilities	S	Passed 3rd	03-03-04	TTE (Morris)
ESHB	2531	Reg trans invstmnt districts	S	Hwys & Trans	03-01-04	TR (Murray)
HB	2563	Agricultural land use (SB 6237)	S	2nd Reading	03-01-04	Upthegrove
SHB	2781	Development regulations	S	Passed 3rd	03-04-04	LG (Upthegrove)
HB	2811	Growth management timelines	S	Passed 3rd	03-03-04	Jarrett
HB	2841	Flood control zone districts	S	2nd Reading	03-03-04	Blake
ESHB	2905	Rural development (SB 6238)	S	Passed 3rd	03-03-04	LG (Hatfield)
SHB	3164	Trans innovative partnership	S	Hwys & Trans	03-01-04	TR (Murray)
SHB	3175	Financial assistance/county	S	Ways & Means	02-17-04	APP (Grant)
E3SSB	5364	Community revitalization fin	H	Rules R	03-01-04	WM (Zarelli)
2ESSB	5536	Condominiums	H	Passed 3rd	03-05-04	JUD (Finkbeiner)
ESSB	6140	Electric utility facilities	H	Passed 3rd	03-04-04	LU (Morton)
SB	6237	Agricultural land use (HB 2563)	H	Passed 3rd	03-04-04	Hewitt
SSB	6238	Rural development (HB 2905)	H	Rules R	02-27-04	LU (Sheldon, T.)
SSB	6265	Permit timelines	S	Pres signed	03-03-04	LU (Swecker)
SSB	6367	National historic reserves	H	Passed 3rd	03-05-04	LU (Haugen)
ESSB	6401	Military installations	H	Passed 3rd	03-03-04	LU (Rasmussen)
SB	6488	Agricultural lands study	H	Passed 3rd	03-03-04	Mulliken
SSB	6534	Industrial land banks	S	Pres signed	03-04-04	LU (Hargrove)
SB	6679	PPI bond proceeds	H	Trans	02-17-04	Oke
ESSB	6680	Freight mobility	H	Trans	02-16-04	HT (Horn)
SSB	6711	Reg trans planning boards	H	Trans	02-14-04	HT (Horn)
SSCR	8418	Permitting process	H	2nd Reading	03-04-04	NR (Berkey)

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In addition to this work, the Legislative Committee met weekly by conference call and reviewed other bills that were under consideration by the Legislature. Members discussed and commented on the bills, called for revisions, and expressed approval or disapproval of the legislation. President Michael Kattermann and Legislative Chair Mary Lynne Evans reviewed and finalized. Kattermann then forwarded the chapter's position on to the Legislative Committee chairs. Our lobbyist, Michael Ryherd, was an active and appreciated partner in our work during the

session, as usual.

Other bills that might be of interest to chapter members are listed above. (Please note that this list was accurate at the time of writing of this article. Check the Web site listed above for the final disposition of these bills.)

The Legislative Committee will meet to review the session and to set the next steps for the chapter for the 2005 legislative session. All APA members are cordially invited to become active participants in the committee. The chair, Mary Lynne Evans, thanks the wonderful committee for work well done this session!



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AND ONE MORE THING...



Michael Kattermann

Ask people why they don't vote – ignorance or apathy – and what you're likely to hear is, "I don't know, and I don't care!" OK, that was a bad rip-off of an old joke, but it sums up all too well one of our greatest challenges as planners – engaging people in the issues that affect their lives.

A political commentator was talking recently about the influence of lobbyists in Washington, D.C. She was saying that despite the fact that corporations and organizations spend literally millions of dollars on wining and dining to influence legislation, one of the most effective tactics they use is hiring people (probably at minimum wage) to write letters to their congressional representatives that are presumably from their constituents. They are even coached in using a shaky hand to make it look like an elderly person signed it.

My first reaction was outrage (actually, that lasted beyond my first reaction), but eventually it dawned on me that this indicates how powerful the voice of a few people has become in our apathetic society. That's not a good thing, but it works both ways.

In a previous life, I was working with a city council to pass an amendment to allow for zero lot line development. It

had gone through several drafts and through committee and was up for public hearing in what looked like a cake walk. The amendment was defeated because two people testified against it. Two people! One argument was from a person that had lived in a similar type of development before and the neighbor used to bounce a basketball off the side of their house.

It was a valuable lesson, and one I'm sure most of us have experienced. But I think there's another lesson in there as well. Take a moment to think about your response to the following questions:

- How many of your proposals have been modified, delayed or defeated at the last public hearing by a few vocal opponents?

- How many times have you had people speak or work in favor of your proposal?
- How many people, of the total eligible, voted for a candidate you favored in the last election?
- How many times have you voted in an APA election at the section, chapter or national level?

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EXPLORE BRITISH CITIES WITH EWU

Eastern Washington University is again offering its summertime study abroad program. The class focuses on urban design in the United Kingdom and is taught in cooperation with the University of Liverpool, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow. Practicing planners have attended the course in the past and are welcomed with open arms this summer as well.

William Grimes, AICP, and Dick Winchell, Ph.D., AICP, will lead the class, visiting cities throughout the United Kingdom and discussing the patterns of change in urban districts over time. Class attendees will spend almost the entire month of July in England's northwest, northern Wales and southern Scotland, ultimately presenting a final project before the faculty at the University of Edinburgh.

Students will meet in London on July 10, and the class runs until July 30. Students may elect to stay longer, of course, traveling further afield and applying the class' concepts to other cities. In addition, participants may elect to pursue



research more deeply. Previous participants have published their results as conference papers. The class includes lectures (provided by EWU and UK university professors), field trips, independent research and guided tours by preservation officers in Chester, Liverpool, Glasgow and other cities. EWU offers eight quarter credits for this class at either the graduate or undergraduate level.

For more information about this class, including cost, schedule and course materials, visit www.studiocascade.com/Cities_index.htm.

"One of the most important aspects of the program is the cultural experience and the faculty and student interaction. I think it is important to not only experience another culture, but to become a part of it as well. By living on campus and attending class in the university, we were able to meet British students and professors and learn their concepts on urban planning and their everyday living. This experience is rare, something few are ever fortunate to have."

– Theresa Timms, 2002 class participant

BALLOT

**APA - WASHINGTON CHAPTER
SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

President-Elect

- Steve Butler, AICP
- Geoffrey Thomas, AICP

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



STEVE BUTLER, AICP

Director of Planning & Community Development, City of SeaTac

I am honored to be nominated for the position of president-elect for the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association, and would appreciate your support.

It is critical that the Washington Chapter provide leadership and services that effectively help you with your planning responsibilities. As president-elect and then president, my goals would be to

- increase continuing education opportunities.
- proactively address legislative issues important to our profession.
- promote examples of how planning activities have resulted in an improved quality of life for specific communities.
- expand use of the Internet to get information out to the membership.
- encourage increased communication, both among planners and with related professionals (such as architects and engineers).


I am currently serving as vice president of the Washington Chapter of the APA, which has been good "on-the-job" training for becoming president-elect. As vice president, I have learned a lot about our association. I have learned that we have a

strong leader in our current president, Mike Kattermann, and a committed board that does an enormous amount of work. I also have learned that we have a dedicated Legislative Committee whose countless hours of work have advanced good legislation and increased our visibility as an important legislative voice in Olympia. In addition, I have learned that our membership is diverse, with varied needs that the Washington Chapter must address.

I have had prior experience in heading up a statewide planning association. I served as the president and vice president of the Maine Association of Planners, during which time I helped lead the charge in creation of that state's growth management law and revitalized the association's continuing education program.

I have been with the City of SeaTac since 1992, serving as its director of planning and community development over the past seven and one-half years. Prior to SeaTac, I worked in the states of Maine and Wisconsin, where I was involved in all aspects of community planning, both in the public and private sectors. My previous experience includes: principal planner, The Growth Management Group (Maine); director of community planning, Greater Portland Council of Governments; director of planning and community development, Maine Tomorrow, Inc.; project planner, Mid-State Associates, Inc. (Wisconsin); and assistant planner, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

There are many exciting opportunities, as well as some challenges, facing our organization. I would appreciate your vote and your support in working to make the Washington Chapter an even better and stronger association than it is today. Thank you for your consideration!



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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, continued



GEOFFREY THOMAS, AICP

Senior Environmental Planner, City of Redmond

Collaboration and implementation are cornerstones to realizing a community's vision. Our profession facilitates the creation of policies and codes that *enhance the quality of our communities* and *develop our quality of life*. We rely on collaboration and implementation to build our communities.

Our Association. As diverse as species in a rainforest, our association includes:

- Professionals working in urban design, environmental preservation, development review, policy planning, community outreach, transportation, economic development, historic preservation, and a myriad of other aspects of life.
- Members ranging from "do-it-all" lone planners in rural counties to specialists in larger, urban cities; volunteers to well-paid professionals; people with years of experience to students; appointed and elected officials.

We gain strength from our diversity.

We become more effective when our diverse membership works together to create solutions to common challenges. Collaboration within our association is essential for our profession and our communities. We must continue our training and social events, which give us opportunities to collaborate with and learn from one another.

Partnerships. While many planners are involved in implementation, *implementing*

a plan is not left to our profession alone.

Our communities rely on engineers, developers, bankers, and other professionals to build infrastructure and buildings that become our communities.

Our association can improve our effectiveness by forming partnerships with other professionals. We should create opportunities to share our concerns and to learn how we are doing at facilitating "workable" plans. Inviting professionals to training and social events helps us build positive relationships and learn from other professionals.

My Background. As president elect, *I would work to improve collaboration within our association and to form partnerships with other professionals.*

I offer this vision, supported by diverse experience, including

- 9 1/2 years as a planner in two Southwestern Washington counties and two central Puget Sound cities.
- certification as a professional wetland scientist and AICP.
- previous service as a planning commissioner and president of a homeowners' association.
- current service as a city councilmember.
- service to our profession including teaching planners about wetlands, assisting with programs at the 2002 and 2004 state conferences, and helping with Planning Northwest.

In Closing. Whether by organizing a portion of a state conference or by attending a brown bag lunch, our association relies on you to participate, share, and learn from one another. By simply reading this and voting, you *are* participating. I sincerely thank you for your participation.

AND ONE MORE THING...

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- How many times during the last session did you contact your state representative or senator to weigh in on proposed legislation?

WARNING: SOAPBOX AHEAD!!

It is hypocritical for planners to bemoan the lack of public interest and involvement when we have such a pathetic record of voting in our own organization. We have more than 1,350 members in the Washington Chapter. Typically, fewer than 100 vote — that's less than 7 percent! We can do better.

This issue of *Planning Northwest* focuses on APA elections (national and chapter), as well as state legislative activity. This year the chapter is selecting a president-elect that will be a leader in this organization for the next four years. We also are electing national officers that do impact the organization at the local level in a positive way if we make our voices heard.

I encourage you to read the election information in this issue, as well as on the Web site at www.planning.org. Most of the candidates also have e-mail; ask them questions and share your views with your colleagues. I'm still educating myself, but I'll be sending out my thoughts via the list serve prior to the election, and I encourage you to do the same.

SINE DIE

The legislative session is winding down as I write this column. Even though it was a short session, it was a busy one. Many thanks to Mary Lynne Evans and the legislative committee members for their amazing work in analyzing and tracking bills, as well as preparing position statements for the chapter. They met each week by conference call to talk about bills and take on assignments with very tight deadlines.

Others who deserve thanks are Vice President Steve Butler and our Livable Washington Work Group representatives, Lisa Verner, Jill Sterrett and Mike McCormick. We didn't get everything we wanted, but we helped to defeat some bad bills because we're engaged in the process.

Planners, lay and professional, can and do make a difference. Stay informed, get involved, and engage others. Stay tuned. More to come...

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SOUTHWEST SECTION

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The creation of a new Southwest Section is still underway. Planners from Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania counties petitioned the state APA chapter last year to create a new section. The state chapter conducted a vote as required by the chapter charter. The majority of the planners voted "yes" to create the new section and subsequently have submitted a set of draft bylaws to the state chapter. The chapter currently is reviewing the bylaws. Once approved, the chapter will conduct elections for the first officers of the new section.

Clark County. The county is in the final stretch to adopt its update to its comprehensive plan. The first GMA mandated plan was adopted in December 1994. The 10-year update is required by GMA to be approved by December 1, 2004. Clark County is in the first group of counties required to update their plans under RCW 36.70A.130 (4)(a). The major effort now is to complete the required capital facilities plan element. The cities and county also are presenting a GMA Planners Forum on April 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the 6th floor training room of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., in downtown Vancouver.

Cowlitz County. The county has seen a significant increase in development interest and permits over last year (up 50 percent). It has gone from 60 percent of its residential permits being mobile homes to less than 20 percent today. Lisa Hendriksen was promoted from planning technician to an associate planner position and now is running the Shorelines Program.

City of Camas. The City of Camas has adopted new critical areas regulations that became effective March 1, 2004. Also, the

City Council has adopted the Comprehensive Plan and implementing code amendments effective March 1.

City of Vancouver. The city is proceeding to adopt its draft comprehensive plan. It also wants to begin detailed subarea planning this year. The city also is proceeding to update and combine its critical areas ordinance. The first public draft will be available in late March.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR THE NEW SOUTHWEST SECTION

A new Southwest section of the chapter is being formed covering Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania counties. All Washington Chapter members whose address of record is within those counties are eligible to be members and hold office in the section. Nominations for the following section officers are being accepted until April 30, 2004:

- President
- President-Elect (will become President in 2006)
- Secretary
- Treasurer.

If you are interested in serving, know of someone who you think would be a good candidate for any of the positions, or have any questions, please contact Bob Sokol, Washington Chapter secretary, at 425-398-8900 or bsokol@ci.kenmore.wa.us. The actual elections will be held approximately May 21, 2004.

NORTHWEST SECTION

THREE LIVE AUDIO CONFERENCES FROM APA NATIONAL

Save money on individual registration for these conferences. The Northwest Section offers this opportunity to participate at one location. Share your observations with others in attendance.

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APA NATIONAL ELECTION

Like the chapter, APA national's election is underway. Information about the election and the candidates can be found at www.planning.org. All members are strongly encouraged to review candidate statements and vote. Ballots are due April 16.

The chapter board of directors will consider endorsements at the March 26 meeting. Look to the chapter Web site, www.washington-apa.org, for any decisions made.

CANDIDATES

APA PRESIDENT-ELECT

- Floyd Lapp, FAICP
- David M. Siegel, AICP
- Robert B. Hunter, FAICP

APA DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

- Robert L. Barber, AICP
- Mitzi C. Barker, AICP

APA DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE (FOCUSED, FOR A MINORITY MEMBER)

- Sherrel Cockrell
- Mitchell Silver, AICP

AICP PRESIDENT-ELECT

- Michael A. Harper, AICP
- Sue Schwartz, FAICP

FROM APA NATIONAL...

Meet with your elected representatives in Congress during APA's 2004 National Planning Conference in Washington, DC. Planner's Day on Capitol Hill is a special program giving you an opportunity to talk to your member of Congress about many issues of importance to the planning community. Transportation, affordable housing, conservation, and environmental protection are some of the planning-related issues before Congress this year, so it is an opportune time to advocate the policies that make great communities happen.

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It's easy, and it's important. What's more, participation in Planner's Day on Capitol Hill is FREE with your conference registration! Sign up now by filling out the conference registration form in the 2004 National Planning Conference brochure or contact APA's government affairs office today at govtaffairs@planning.org.

HOMELAND SECURITY

In the November 2003 issue of *Land Use Law & Zoning Digest*, Rufus Young and Dwight Merriam present a comprehensive

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outline of Homeland Security factors meriting consideration in the land use review and approval process, as well as numerous references for more information.

The events of 9/11 made real the threat of terrorist attacks in the U.S. Whether that threat is large or small, it potentially increases the liability of those who approve, build, or manage potential terrorist targets. This outline serves as a preliminary checklist of factors and actions local governments, developers, and property owners and managers should consider to avoid or reduce such threats and liability risks.

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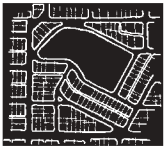
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