

Current Planning
August 2009 Activity Report

LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

New members training took place at the Pierce County Annex on August 18, 2009. The information was focused for the newly appointed members. However, there were a number of existing members present to refresh themselves on the tasks of the commissions and ask questions of staff. There were approximately 23 individuals that gave up their evening to attend. The members responded to a survey of questions at the end of the training that are to be used to improve the next workshop. Great suggestions and comments were offered.

As noted in previous reports, Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive, has scheduled time to attend commission meetings to interact with the membership and area citizens. Ms. McCarthy will be present at the Key Peninsula Land Use Advisory Commission on October 21, 2009.

PERFORMANCE OF REVIEW FOR AUGUST 2009

Current Planning, during 2009, has been reduced by 6.5 reviewing planners. These planners had been assigned a full case load, which was redistributed to the remaining planners. The Project Managers were also given cases to review along with their other duties to take some of the pressure off the reviewing planners. The case review planner's responsibilities also include weekly Planner of the Day duties, pre-development and case meetings, Land Use Advisory Commission meetings, public hearings, public assistance to walk-ins, and enforcement of violations that have been referred by Pierce County Responds.

The backlog for Current Planning at the end of August was 75. This figure is approximately the same as the month of July, which were 74. The goal with the reduced staff is to keep the backlog under 100 and the past due reviews under 30 days.