

**LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS**

Last month information was given regarding the Thun Field Advisory Commission (TFAC) that has been included in the review process for discretionary land use cases. The TFAC will provide formal advice to the County regarding cases related to both the Airport property, and to properties within 1,000 feet of the Airport property. It appears that another Airport Commission will be created for the Tacoma Narrow Airport. They will serve in the same capacity as the TFAC.

Planning has been working with the Land Use Advisory Commissions to look at options to reduce expenditures relating to the Commissions due to the current 2009 Budget constraints of PALS. There were several ideas conveyed to the Chairs and Vice Chairs for their review and comments.

**PERFORMANCE OF REVIEW FOR FEBRUARY 2009**

At the end of February, 73% of the reviews needed to achieve zero backlog were completed. The February review efficiency increased by 1% from January 2009.

Even though PALS is only into two months of the year, adjustments were required to be made to meet our reduced revenue. The following are the changes that were implemented this first part of March 2009:

1. Two planners were reassigned to Advance Planning to assist in preparing the Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2009, and the update process for the Shoreline Master Plan and related regulations (implemented in 2008);
2. One planner was assigned to Advance Planning under special funding to assist in the preparation of the TDR/PDR (Transfer Development Rights/Purchase Development Rights);
3. A part-time planner position was sponsored by the County Council to re-tool and consolidate the Development Regulations;
4. Two planners were transferred to Public Works on a one-year agreement for special projects; and
5. One planner accepted a position with another Pierce County Department.

The remaining Current Planning staff was reorganized to address the workload. Current Planning staff is committed to maintaining public service to the best of our ability.

The Project Managers will retain the tasks that have been assigned in the past, along with new case applications. The Project Managers will remain a single point of contact for an applicant or citizen regarding processing or regulation issues.

### **FEBRUARY APPLICATIONS**

There has been an increase in new application reviews for the month of February. The number of reviews for Current Planning was 347, which was an increase from January. Due to the reduction in staff, and the increased number of reviews, it is expected that the backlog numbers may be larger than what we would like to experience.