The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

ATENDANCE: Gail Fleming, Sue Walsh, Dominique Emerson
Absent: Roger Gage, Aaron Simpson
Staff: Michael Davolio, Jack Lynch, Cheryl Knighton

Motion by Gail to approve the December 3, 2014 minutes with changes, second – Dominique, approved.

Discussion – Countywide Policies Update

Jack Lynch introduced Island County Planning staff Brad Johnson and Amanda Almgren. They were invited to present the County Wide Comprehensive Plan Policy.

Brad gave a presentation that outlined the 2016. In preparing the policy they are focusing on Population Forecasting, the current County Wide Planning policy and Urban Growth. He discussed the requirements and the schedule of the work program.

They will be focusing on the purpose, the history, the rationale for a revision, primary police considerations, and other proposed additions. He talked about the Urban Growth Areas. Focus on the legal requirements and configuration. The projection for Langley is 89 new residents/homes in the next 20 years. The County would like Langley to review the CWP and provide the County with feedback by the end of February. There has been a decline in the South end population mostly likely due to transportation costs and congestion. School enrollment is declining.

Brad gave a short explanation of Inter local agreements. It is the County’s goal to reduce them by making allowances in the CWPP.

Recess 4:45

4:20 meeting resumed.

The board discussed putting the CWPP on the next agenda.

Other Items not on the Agenda

There was some discussion on the Hazard Mitigation. Fred explained what it was and the process with the County.

Dominique asked about the funicular situation. Fred gave a history from the application process to present. He said he is stepping back from his statement he made in the budget, but yet the money is still there. He is asking our new Planner to open up discussion with the Port and see if we can work together. There will be plenty of meetings with the public if and when there is a decision made whether it be with the Port or with the City or both. It may be on the agenda for next month.
Sharon Emerson said no one wants it. She was advising the Planner he will come upon opposition with the public.

Aaron asked about the Vision Statement. There was some discussion about how long the board has to complete it. Possibly not for another year or so.

Meeting adjourned 4:50PM