



Commissioners hear update on jail project

With the recent City of Mount Vernon rezone of the Skagit County Jail site known as “Truck City/Suzanne Lane,” Project Manager Marc Estvold delivered an update to the Board of Commissioners at a Monday, April 28 session.

Estvold, who was joined by Sheriff Will Reichardt and design consultant Bill Valdez, briefly reviewed a history of the project for the benefit of the public (see timeline below) before discussing the most recent project developments.

He reported that the programming stage of the project was complete and asked Commissioners to enter into a contract with DLR architectural firm.

Estvold and architect Valdez of DLR estimated it would take 4-6 weeks to



Jail Project Manager Marc Estvold (center) presents a timeline to Commissioners as Sheriff Will Reichardt and architect Bill Valdez (left) listen.

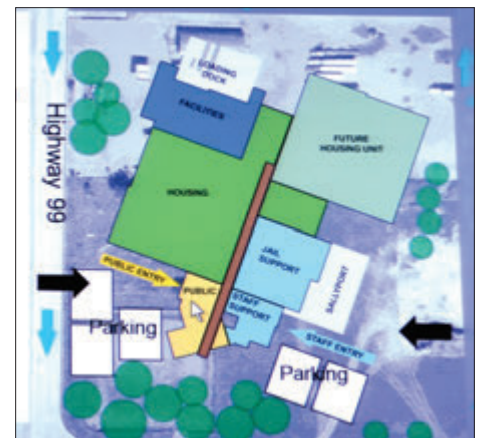
put together the information necessary to begin the public Essential Public Facilities (EPF) process. This process leads to the City’s Hearing Examiner before a recommendation goes forward to the City Council. Consideration includes such project elements as landscaping

and building elevations.

Reichardt noted plans for a May 7 visit by a Skagit County group to the Cowlitz County Jail, designed by DLR. A site visit was made previously to another DLR designed facility in the Des Moines area (SCORE).

Skagit County Jail Timeline

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| ✓ Coordinating Council formed | June 2012 |
| ✓ Determine project & funding source | Spring 2013 |
| ✓ Interlocal agreement with users | Summer 2013 |
| ✓ Project to voters | August 2013 |
| ✓ Start space planning with architect | January 2014 |
| ✓ Rezone Truck City/Suzanne Lane site | April 2014 |
| ◆ Start schematic design | May 2014 |
| ◆ Complete permitting, EPF process | Fall 2014 |
| ◆ Purchase property | Fall 2014 |
| ◆ Building demolition, preload site | Winter 2014 |
| ◆ Complete design / start construction | Fall 2015 |
| ◆ Construction complete / move in | Summer 2017 |



This graphic of the Skagit County Jail Project on the Truck City/Suzanne Lane site shows initial design elements including a 400-bed housing unit (darker green) and a future 400-bed housing unit (lighter green).