



## San Juan County Community Development & Planning

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### **San Juan County Comprehensive Plan Housing Element and Needs Assessment Public Meeting - Fire District #3, 1011 Mullis Street, San Juan Island January 7, 2009 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

#### Notes

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Staff in Attendance: Colin Maycock, Senior Planner; Ron Henrickson, Director; and Lynda Guernsey, Departmental Assistant.

Attendees: Approximately 41.

Meeting Overview:

Colin Maycock gave an introduction and overview of the San Juan County Housing Element and Needs Assessment. He included a summary of why, what, and how, the documents were coming forward. Colin also gave a brief description of what the Needs Assessment says and methods by which the numbers were derived. He then opened the meeting to public comment.

Public Comment:

- Break down information per island.
- Provide for balance of housing, including manufactured homes.
- More availability of parcels.
- Reform tax code.
- Funding of utility infrastructure.
- Island wide infrastructure tax.
- ULID (Utility Local Improvement District) island wide.
- Perhaps the whole island could become Friday Harbor.
- Improved communication between Town of Friday Harbor and County.
- Create source of funding for a Housing Bank.
- Opportunity to do green development (when public money involved) – create sustainable communities.
- REET (one example, half of tax money to Land Bank, other half to housing).
- Perpetually affordable housing.
- Expand Land Bank to include housing options.
- Town and County need to get together – this is an issue directly related to both entities.

- This is an URGENT issue.
- Revisit Guest House issue for affordable housing. Can be used for rentals – use development standards (i.e., screening, set backs, etc.) to keep them low profile.
- Town of Friday Harbor needs money.
- Establish a Housing Authority.
- Town needs to resolve their density issues.
- Attract small businesses.
- Employers to work with employees on housing.