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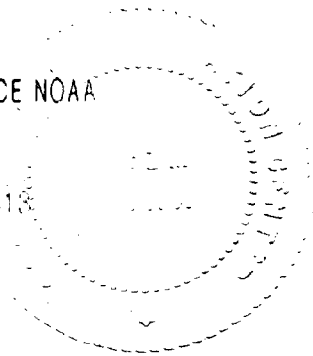
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## INTRODUCTION

Goals Study Committee: In September 1976, the Mayor of Blaine appointed a Goals Study Committee to assist the Planning Commission in the goals updating process. Four evening meetings of the committee were held during the fall: September 22nd, October 20th, November 3rd, and December 8th. An average of 26 persons attended the meetings, plus Planning Commission members and elected city officials. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed goals April 20, 1977. The following goals and policies were developed from statements adopted by the Goals Study Committee.

### MEMBERS OF THE GOALS STUDY COMMITTEE

Patricia Alesse	Patricia Larsen
Rob Anderson	Jamie Ann Law
Ted Angell	Valerie Lyon
Bob Bailey	J. R. Lytle
Don Bevilacqua	Ron McCullough
Lois Bonallo	Pam Moore
Duane Burling	Don Nelson
Larry Duronso	Shirley Nelson
Gary Gifford	Bob Nunamaker
Bill Goff	Carl F. Reichhardt
Judy Goff	Carol Seffern
Dennis Heinrick	John Seffern
John Howard	Donald Whitesmith

all attended at least two (2) meetings

A Planning Commission work session with the Goals Committee was held on March 30th. Public hearing was held on April 20th and was recommended for approval on May 18, 1977.

## GOALS STATEMENT

Growth in the Blaine area: After decades of stable or even declining population (2,289 in 1910); 1,735 in 1960; and 1,955 in 1970) the Blaine area is now growing at the rate of 2.5 per cent per year. Recent City utilities plans have predicted a doubling of Blaine's population by the year 2000 and a 55% increase in population for the remainder of the sewage utility planning area. (South to Lincoln Road and east to Valley View Road.)

Faster growth is occurring on either side of Blaine. To the north the Vancouver area is the most rapidly growing major metropolitan area in North America. Reflecting this is the 70% increase in border crossings since 1970. (over 6 million in 1976). To the south the number of permanent residents at Birch Bay is expected to double by the year 1990 and the number of seasonal residents is expected to triple, bringing the total summer population of Birch Bay to 26,000 residents. (6,000 permanent and 20,000 seasonal, not counting day use visitors to the State park or other facilities.

At the first goals meeting members of the committee discussed the broad subject of growth in Blaine and in the surrounding area. Growth was seen as inevitable and if properly channeled, a benefit for Blaine. Accordingly, the committee adopted the following general goal:

### OVERALL GOAL:

*The City of Blaine should encourage a moderate rate of growth, while providing for adequate services and maintaining the character and environmental quality of the area.*

Identified as values or qualities of Blaine that should be maintained as growth occurred were the good schools, small town atmosphere, clean water supply, quiet residential neighborhoods, historical homes, scenic views, and the ecological balance of Drayton Harbor.

### GOALS RELATED TO ANNEXATION

The Goals Committee recommended annexation to the north, east and south.

1. *Annex that portion of land north of Blaine City limits to the Canadian border and from east City limits to west City limits, and that the area of the truck customs be Commercial and the balance of the area be compatible with existing areas within the City limits.*

2. Consider annexing land east to Kickerville and Harvey Roads.
2. Consider annexing the southern portion of Drayton Harbor.

## GOALS AND POLICITES RELATED TO TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

Goal 1: To improve the condition of Blaine's streets.

### Policies:

1. Prepare a priority list of street improvements with surfacing of substandard streets receiving highest priority.
2. Investigate possible funding sources and initiate a coordinated application program.

Goal 2: To solve the circulation problems caused by traffic backups at the two border crossings.

### Policies:

1. Secure the cooperation of the state in solving Blaine's border-related traffic problems.
2. Approach the federal government for assistance in solving national-related traffic problems in Blaine.
3. Investigate the feasibility of constructing an overpass or underpass across the truck route to improve east-west movement of traffic across town.

Goal 3: To reduce traffic and congestion in Blaine, especially downtown, along Peace Portal Drive and at the border commercial areas.

### Policies:

1. Limit businesses at the truck route border crossing to those requiring a border location.
2. Provide additional parking space near City Hall and the Post Office.
3. Construct a bicycle lane and sidewalks along Peace Portal Drive.
4. Construct a full interchange on Interstate 5 in the southern part of town, thereby diverting some traffic destined for Birch Bay away from Peach Portal Drive.
5. Utilize some of the city owned property for parking facilities.

Goal 4: *To correct hazardous areas in the city's circulation system.*

**Policies:**

1. *Improve dangerous intersections.*
2. *Provide safer pedestrian routes.*
3. *Separate bicycles and pedestrians from vehicular traffic, especially along Peach Portal Drive and Mitchell Street.*
4. *Before any street right-of-way is reduced in width, consider using space not needed for bicycle and pedestrian ways.*

Goal 5: *To insure that improvements to the circulation system are designed so as not to disrupt important natural systems, such as shorelines.*

**Policies:**

1. *Whenever feasible, locate major highways away from shoreline areas.*
2. *In designing highways and roads within the shoreline area, provide for pedestrian access to the shoreline, and for scenic pull-outs and view points*

Goal 6: *To beautify all entrances to the city.*

## GOALS AND POLICIES RELATED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES

Goal 1: *To provide efficient and economical treatment for Blaine's municipal sewage.*

**Policies:**

1. *Upgrade and expand the city's sewer system.*
2. *Encourage new development to take place within city limits.*
3. *Permit sewer hookups only within city limits.*

Goal 2: *To provide additional space needed for public buildings.*

**Policies:**

1. *Increase space for City Hall functions, especially regarding law enforcement.*
2. *Construct a community center which could be used for youth activities.*

Goal 3: *To provide safer and more efficient airport facilities.*

**Policies:**

1. *Upgrade the airport so that it can better accommodate commercial light aircraft 10 seats and under.*
2. *Give high priority to studying the feasibility of constructing a new airport at another location.*

Goal 4: *To provide an excellent park system for the city residents.*

**Policies:**

1. *Increase the maintenance of city owned parks.*
2. *Encourage recreational opportunities, private or civic, to locate in our commercial areas.*
3. *Provide well-maintained and conveniently located parks and playgrounds within Blaine's residential areas.*

**LAND USE**

**A. Residential**

Goal 1: *To encourage new residential development to occur within the city limits.*

**Policies:**

1. *Improve the quality of existing city neighborhoods so that the need for new housing outside the city will be reduced. Specifically, upgrade city services in these neighborhoods.*



2. *Since Blaine has park areas ideal for a concentration of people and scenic views worthy to be conserved for all to enjoy, locate multiple residential buildings near park areas and on lands enabling more people to enjoy existing views and open space.*
3. *Improve services to vacant land suitable for residential development within the city.*

B. Commercial

Goal 1: *To continue the hub pattern of development in Blaine's commercial districts.*

Policies:

1. *Limit the main business district to the present area, while allowing for growth in a hub pattern.*
2. *Limit commercial activities at the truck route border crossing to border-related businesses.*
3. *Encourage further hub pattern development at the crossroads and at the northern exit on I-5.*
4. *Prohibit additional commercial development on Peace Portal Drive between the downtown commercial district and the crossroads commercial district.*
5. *Prohibit strip commercial development in Blaine.*

Goal 2: *To encourage new business activity.*

Policies:

1. *Encourage more tourist related retail business, but do not encourage businesses based on the pornographic trade.*
2. *Encourage development of well planned shopping centers.*

C. Port Area

Goal: *To continue development of a marine identity for the port area.*

Policies for Commercial and Industrial:

1. *Allow only marine related businesses to locate at the port area, with the exception of restaurants.*
2. *Shoreline locations on water navigable at low tide should be set aside for those commercial and industrial activities which, because of the nature of their business, could not locate elsewhere.*
3. *Direct existing harbor area expansion to the north, rather than into Drayton Harbor.*
4. *Require any expansion into Drayton Harbor to conform to the "Blaine City Waterfront Study" as amended by the "Blaine Park Plan."*

Policies for Parks and Public Access:

1. *Support development of a park on the Drayton Harbor side of the port area.*
2. *Continue using the end of Marine Drive as a public fishing pier.*
3. *Establish a narrow shoreline park along the northern beach of the port area. Such a park would be temporary and relatively unimproved so as not to interfere with any future expansion of marine commercial or harbor facilities to the north.*

D. Industrial

Goal: *To attract light industry to locate in Blaine.*

Policy:

1. *Expand streets and utilities into undeveloped Light Manufacturing (LM) zones.*

