

## Island County News Briefs

Date	Title
05/29/09	Camano Gateway Update
	<p>On August 18, 2008 the Board of Island County Commissioners adopted a set of interim control measures that regulate commercial development along State Route 532 on Camano Island. The interim controls were intended to address shortfalls in the existing standards until more appropriate guidelines are created .</p>
	<p>In response, the Board of Commissioners assembled a group of Camano Islanders and assigned them the responsibility of developing a draft proposal that would result in modifications to the development standards applied to commercially zoned properties on SR 532. A group of 20 Camano Islanders met with each other on 7 occasions to talk through these issues. The members included local developers, affected property owners, private citizens, architects and the local business community.</p>
	<p>Amendments have been developed that govern issues such as building size, landscaping, minimum lot size, building setbacks, signage and building height. The proposals were sent to the county's planning commission, which in turn forwarded its recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.</p>
	<p>The Board of Commissioners held a hearing of its own May 19 on Camano to reconsider two contentious issues: lodging and convenience stores with gas stations. At that time the Board rejected the planning commission's recommendation and directed planning staff to present an amended ordinance that allows lodging but prohibits convenience stores and gas stations in the Camano Gateway Village Zone. See <a href="http://www.islandcounty.net/Planning/CamanoGateway.htm">http://www.islandcounty.net/Planning/CamanoGateway.htm</a> or contact Boback Talebi for additional information ( <a href="mailto:B.Talebi@co.island.wa.us">B.Talebi@co.island.wa.us</a> )</p>