Bob Drewel Honored with County Building Naming

A very surprised Bob Drewel, former Snohomish County Executive, was honored Nov. 5, 2007 with the county's new administration building being named in his honor.

Drewel had no idea this recognition was in the works when he arrived at the county council's first public hearing on the 2008 county budget. Drewel had been scheduled to speak later in the hearing in his capacity as executive director of the Puget Sound Regional Council. Drewel served as county executive for 12 years before leaving in 2004.

In bipartisan recognition of his many contributions to Snohomish County, the county council unanimously approved naming the new building known as Administration East as “The Robert J. Drewel Building.” Council members specifically recognized Drewel's integrity, leadership and his ability to work across party lines for the good of the county.

The council motion noted that “under the leadership and prudent fiscal management of County Executive Drewel the county planned, designed, funded and constructed several important new facilities including the Denney Juvenile Justice Center, and made enhancements to the County Campus including a new administration building which began construction during the Drewel administration…”

The motion also noted “in his twelve years of service to Snohomish County Mr. Drewel successfully worked to build partnerships among the county, local governments and other public and private entities to create a shared vision for a healthy and vigorous community; and … these partnerships continue today to provide a strong foundation for the activities and operations of Snohomish County…”

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