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Memorandum

To: Skagit Board of County Commissioners
From: Robby Eckroth, AICP, Senior Planner
Re: Planning Commission's Recorded Motion on the 2024 Planning Docket
Date: December 03, 2024

Summary

Planning and Development Services (PDS) is providing this memorandum in advance of the December 9, 2024, meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, Map, and Development Regulation amendments (Planning Docket). The Planning Commission recorded motion (Exhibit A) was approved on November 19, 2024. The recorded motion includes recommendations for the Board's consideration. This memo serves as a formal transmittal of the Planning Commission recommendation within two weeks of signature.

Background

The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) allows the County to amend its Comprehensive Plan and land use/zoning map once per year, with a few exceptions, through an annual docket process. Skagit County received four timely petitions for consideration through the annual Comprehensive Plan, Map, and Development Regulation Docket, three of the four petitions were placed on the established on the docket. Another four petitions were proposed by the County.

Skagit County Planning & Development Services (PDS) analyzed the docketed proposals under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and for consistency with the existing comprehensive plan, the adopted land use/zoning map, and the unified development regulations.

Planning Commission's Recorded Motion

The Planning Commission heard testimony to amend the comprehensive plan, land use/zoning map, and development regulations during a public hearing on October 29, 2024. On November 19, 2024, the Planning Commission deliberated on the docket proposals. The Planning Commission Recorded Motion includes recommendations to the Board to adopt, deny, or defer each of the docket petitions.

Department Recommendation

The Department recommends approval of all seven docket petitions.

Next Steps

The Department will present the Planning Commission Recorded Motion and to the Board at the work session on December 9, 2024. The Department will provide a staff report prior to that meeting. The Board will take possible action on December 16, 2024. The BoCC is authorized by SCC 14.08.090 to take the following actions to address the docket:

1. Adopt the docketed proposals.
2. Adopt the docketed proposals with modifications. Per SCC 14.08.090(2)(b)(i-v), substantial changes to any of the proposals shall require an additional opportunity for public review prior to final action.
3. Decline to adopt any of the docketed proposals.
4. Defer the proposal to the next docket or remand the issue(s) to the Department or the Planning Commission for additional work, study, review, or refinement.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A – Planning Commission Recorded Motion, 2024 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments

Exhibit B – Amendments to 2024 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations