



Skagit County Planning Commission

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 6 pm

Commissioners Hearing Room · 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon

1. Call to Order / Agenda Review

2. Public Remarks

This time on the agenda is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the Planning Commission about any topic except items scheduled on the agenda for a public hearing that same day, or items that have had a public hearing and are still under Planning Commission deliberation. Public Remarks, which is not part of the formal public participation process for any development regulation or comprehensive plan amendment project, is limited to three minutes per speaker and up to fifteen minutes total.

3. Workshop: Guemes Island Ferry Updates (C-1)

This time on the agenda will focus on reviewing staff proposed amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan for the new Guemes Island Ferry.

4. Workshop: Proposed Changes to Binding Site Plan standards (C-3)

This time on the agenda will focus on reviewing Binding Site Plans and when they are required. The proposed amendments would remove the requirement of a Binding Site Plan for commercial or industrial development that involves 2 or more leases or transfers of ownership which do not undergo a short plat or subdivision procedure in specific zones.

5. Workshop: Proposed Changes to the Public Open Space of Regional/Statewide Importance Zone (C-4)

This time on the agenda will focus on reviewing staff proposed amendments to the Public Open Space of Regional/Statewide Importance (OSRI) zone. The proposed amendments are intended to allow trails to be developed within this zone as a permitted use where these facilities currently are reviewed as administrative condition uses.

6. Workshop: Proposed Changes to the Sign Code (C-7)

This time on the agenda will focus on reviewing staff proposed amendments to the portion of the Skagit County Code that regulates signage. The proposed amendments are intended to clarify when a building permit is required when signs are erected or altered.

7. Upcoming Meetings: Discuss Tentative Schedule

This time on the agenda will focus on discussing the the scheduling of workshops for the citizen initiated amendments and the remainig staff initiated amendments which include: the removal of the Mineral Resource Overlay designation (PL18-0404), proposed amendments to the Rainwater Catchment

provisions for the code (P-1), proposed amendments to the Aquifer Recharge Areas of the code (P-2), proposed amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance to strengthen protections for Great Blue Herons (p-4), proposed changes to the code to classify Habitat Restoration within the base zones of the county (C-5), and proposed language to require coordination of development applications with drainage districts (C-2).

8. Department Update

Department staff may provide updates on the status of work program items, answer questions raised in public comment, and respond to questions or concerns from the Planning Commission.

9. Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners may update the Commission on relevant news and events.

10. Adjourn