



Skagit County Planning Commission

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Chair Tim Raschko **Vice Chair** Tammy Candler
Members Vincent Henley, Amy Hughes, Jennifer Hutchison, Mark Knutzen, Kathy Mitchell, Martha Rose, Joe Woodmansee

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Bylaws Work Session

March 14, 2023

5:59 PM – 8:21 PM

Please refer to transcript and video recording of Planning Commission meeting for in-depth information about these meeting minutes. Meeting materials, the full transcript, meeting agenda, and referenced video recording of this meeting can be viewed at the Planning Commission Schedule and Agenda page:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm>

Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

Chair Raschko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Amy Hughes: Present (via Zoom)

Joe Woodmansee: Present (via Zoom)

Martha Rose: Absent

Tammy Candler: Present

Vincent Henley: Present

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

Approval of Minutes (2/28/2023)

Chair Raschko introduced the minutes from the last meeting (2/28/2023) for approval. A motion to approve the February 28th meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Knutzen and was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agritourism Study Staff Presentation

Lisa Grueter, BERK Consulting, provided a brief presentation on the history of the agritourism study, steps taken to collect feedback from the public, and potential next steps for the Planning Commission.

Joint Session: Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioners, and Agricultural Advisory Board

The Skagit Board of County Commissioners and Agricultural Advisory Board began the joint session at 6:15pm. Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) Chair Michael Hughes opened the meeting with a presentation on AAB priorities and concerns with regards to the agritourism study. Planning Commissioners then took turns asking questions of the AAB members to discuss how potential changes to Skagit County code could affect farmers in the community. The Board of County Commissioners and AAB closed the joint meeting at 8:04pm.

A full transcript of the discussion is available on our website:

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Director's Update

Director Moore discussed current development projects in Skagit County, including repairs and expansion of the Port of Skagit apron, and a multi-department effort to remain in compliance with FEMA requirements and flood safety. Staff have also been working on a battery energy storage system proposed in Skagit County.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 8:21 PM

Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

Date