

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission 2024 Regular Meeting

March 26, 2024

6:00 PM – 7:41 PM

Please refer to transcript and video recording of the 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

Tim Raschko: present

Tammy Candler: absent

Amy Hughes: present

Vincent Henley: present

Kathy Mitchell: absent

Martha Rose: present

Jen Hutchison: absent

Joe Woodmansee: present

Angela Day: present

Chair called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Tim Raschko asked for approval of the minutes of the February 27th meeting.

Commissioner Henley motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous decision.

Public Remarks

Chair Raschko opened the public remarks section of the meeting and asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Commission. There were no public remarks.

Workshop – Updates to Permit Procedures

Ryan Walters, consultant, gave a presentation on proposed revision to the Permit Procedures Code Update. Providing a review of the project's objectives as the current code SCC 14-06 was written in 2000 and is inconsistent with RCW 30.70B and requires changes to address Senate Bill 5290 that will require updates to Skagit County permit procedures. The goal is to improve current processes, consistency of applying code, alignment with state regulations and improve public user accessibility.

Workshop – 2024 Docketing

Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided an update on the 2024 Planning Docket citizen and County petition applications received. The Board of County Commissioners (Board) had a workshop this morning to review the 2024 Docketing requests and staff recommendations for docketing. There were four citizen petition requests and four County requests. Information about the petition requests is available online

<https://inside.skagit.local/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2024CPA.htm>

This process is not authorizing or recommending approval of projects but recommendation of petitions that meet the docketing criteria for consideration of the Board. Mr. Eckroth provided a general summary of the petitions and staff recommendations for docketing.

Director's Update

Director Jack Moore provided a general update on Department activities. Washington Department of Ecology (WADOE) is running a draft programmatic EIS for the whole state for siting locations for solar and wind energy generation facilities to assist local jurisdictions for local project review. Preliminary studies do not indicate that facilities will be located in Skagit County. The joint Board and Commission meeting is scheduled for April 9th. The Department is working with WWU students for review of current code with HB 1337 (Accessory Dwelling Units) for urban growth areas. The Department recently hired Allen Rozema, Assistant Planning Director, and will be introduced at the next PC meeting.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

None of the Planning Commissioners had any comments or announcements.

[A full transcript of the discussion is available on our website:](#)

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Adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

Date