

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners

April 9, 2024

6:00 PM – 8:08 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, (Chair): present

Tammy Candler, (Vice- Chair): present

Amy Hughes: present

Vincent Henley: present

Kathy Mitchell: absent

Martha Rose: absent

Jen Hutchison: present

Joe Woodmansee: present

Angela Day: present

The Planning Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Tim Raschko asked for approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting.

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

Joint Session: Board of County Commissioners

Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Chair, Peter Browning opened the joint session at 6:02 p.m. with Skagit County Planning Commission (PC). The Planning Commissioners introduced themselves and provided their background to the Board. The Board introduced themselves to the Commission.

Opening Comments and Discussion

Chair Rashko shared that the joint meeting opportunity for the Board and Commissioners and the Planning Commissioners to discuss the Docket and Comprehensive Plan Update. PC Chair Rashko recommended that the joint meeting start with review of the Docket. BoCC Commissioner Wesen clarified that when the Board approves an item to be listed on the docket does not mean that the project is approved. The Board and Commission discussed the general elements of the Comprehensive Plan update, The update occurs every ten years and includes updated state legislation. This periodic update will include a Climate element and a robust Housing Element to address multiple income housing needs.

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.

BoCC Chair Browning adjourned the Board meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Director's Update

Mr. Eckroth presented the Director's Update. A community survey regarding the Comprehensive Plan update was sent through the Department's listserv that evening around 5pm. The Department is currently starting its public outreach at community events. The Comprehensive Update project team is working with County GIS staff for the Land Capacity Analysis. There have been three new hires in the Department, including Allen Rozema, Assistant Director, who was present.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

General comments shared. Concerns about the difficulty of hearing for in person public observation as the microphones are set up for recording. There was a request to set up more workshop types of meetings to engage more members of the public.

Adjourned at 8:08 PM.

[A full transcript of the discussion is available on our website:](https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm)

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Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

Date