



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 Agritourism Work Session, Bylaws Deliberations

April 25, 2023

6:00 PM – 9:00 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

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Absent

Tammy Candler: Present

Vincent Henley: Present

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

Approval of Minutes (3/28/2023)

Chair Raschko introduced the minutes from the last meeting (3/28/2023) for approval. A motion to approve the March 28th meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Henley and was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

Agritourism Work Session

Sarah Ruether, Long Range Planning Manager, provided a presentation on the recommendations for agritourism policy from the Skagit Agricultural Advisory Board. The

Planning Commission discussed possible avenues for enforcement, new permit fees, and changes to the special use permit regulations for temporary events. Ms. Ruether and the Skagit Agricultural Advisory Board will meet to discuss feedback from the Planning Commission and develop additional recommendations for new code language.

Bylaws Deliberations

Chair Raschko opened deliberations on the Planning Commission bylaws. Staff reviewed the current draft of changes to the bylaws with the suggested revisions from Commission Henley in Section VII. Commissioner Candler moved to recommend approval of the bylaws, Commissioner Mitchell seconded. The bylaws were approved unanimously, 8-0-1, with Commissioner Rose absent. Commissioner Henley moved to approve the recorded motion, Commissioner Knutzen seconded. The recorded motion was approved unanimously, 8-0-1, with Commissioner Rose absent.

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

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Director's Update

Director Moore discussed current development projects in Skagit County. The Skagit County Fire Marshal is working with DNR, DEM, GIS, FireWise, and the local fire district to assist the community around Lake Tyee. The residents have had concerns about fire protection if there was a large-scale fire event, such as emergency access and a plan for evacuation of the area. The Department has been working extensively on the clean-up of properties that pose a danger to the community. Staff have also been studying the impact of battery storage projects in the county.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Tammy Candler, Planning Commission Vice Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

Date