



# 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

May 9, 2023

6:00 PM – 7:46 PM

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*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>

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### Summary of Meeting

#### Roll Call

Acting Chair Candler began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Absent

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Tammy Candler: Present

Vincent Henley: Absent

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

#### Approval of Minutes (4/25/2023)

Chair Candler introduced the minutes from the last meeting (4/25/2023) for approval. A motion to approve the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Hutchinson and was seconded by Commissioner Knutzen. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

2023 Docket Work Session

Jenn Rogers, Associate Long-Range Planner, initiated the docket work session by introducing the planning docket cycle and its associated criteria. Ms. Rogers reviewed petitions included on the 2023 Docket and answered questions from the Planning Commission on staff-initiated and citizen-initiated proposals.

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

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Director’s Update

Planning Director, Jack Moore, provided an update on a recent staff field visit to Arlington. The visit was specifically focused on reviewing a battery energy storage system and was attended by the Skagit County Building Official, Deputy Fire Marshal, and the Current Planning Manager. The purpose of the visit was to gather information to streamline the review and permitting process, with a particular emphasis on ensuring proper placement and safety standards are embedded in the review process.

Furthermore, Mr. Moore shared an update on a recent conversation he had with the Governor's Office of Regulatory Innovation and Assistance and the Whale Sanctuary Project. The discussion centered around the possibility of relocating an orca to Skagit County. His update shed light on the latest developments and considerations related to this potential project.

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Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 7:46 PM

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Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

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Jack Moore, Secretary

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