

# SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## Planning Commission Regular Meeting

**May 28, 2024**

**6:00 PM – 6:32 PM**

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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: absent

Vincent Henley: absent

Kathy Mitchell: absent

Martha Rose: present

Jen Hutchison: present

Joe Woodmansee: present

Angela Day: present

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

#### Approval of Minutes

Chair Raschko asked for approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Angela Day motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Martha Rose 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.

#### Public Hearing – Guemes Island Seawater Intrusion Amendment

Senior Planner, Robby Eckroth, presented a brief presentation summarizing the Guemes Island Seawater Intrusion Amendment to SCC 14.24.380. The Planning Commission is scheduled on June 11, 2024, to hold deliberations on the amendment and will provide recommendations to

the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). On July 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM, the BOCC will hold a work session and deliberations on July 23, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Public Comment is open until May 30, 2024, at 4:30 PM. No questions were asked by the Planning Commission on the presentation.

**Public Testimony #1:**

Mark Madden shared his opposition to the amendment proposal that the requirements do not address saltwater intrusion and that changes in sea-level rise provide more a threat than well drilling.

**Public Testimony #2:**

Steve Orsini shared that his well failed from seawater intrusion in 1998 and that the proposal is to preserve senior water rights and not to limit development.

**Public Testimony #3:**

Micheal Brown shared he was a Guemes Island Planning Advisory Committee member in 2015. He referenced a 1995 letter from DOE to limit well drilling in areas of known saltwater intrusion.

**Public Testimony #4:**

Jep Burdock shared his concern about the long-term water situation on the island.

All signed up speakers provided spoken testimony and asked if there were any additional members of the public who would like to speak.

The public hearing concluded at 6:19 PM.

Director's Update

PDS Director Jack Moore provided a general update on recent Department activities. Upcoming dates, Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> a Planning Commission public hearing for the Permit Procedures Code Update – SCC 14.06 will be held.

Open House dates for the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update will be held on the following dates and locations:

- June 20, 2024, at 5:30 PM, Anacortes Depot and Community Center
- June 26, 2024, at 5:30 PM, Sedro-Woolley Community Center
- June 27, 2024, at 5:30 PM, Concrete High School

During the next couple of weeks Planning and Development Services will be holding stakeholder interviews for the Comprehensive Plan update.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Joe Woodmansee clarified that deliberations are not a guarantee of a decision but that would be the goal. Vice Chair Tamy Candler asked to reopen agenda item number 2, to clarify amend meeting minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> to clarify the heading.

Commissioners clarified that public remarks should remain on every agenda.

Adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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