

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

July 9, 2024

6:00 PM – 6:44 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): absent

Amy Hughes: present

Vincent Henley: present

Kathy Mitchell: absent

Martha Rose: present

Jen Hutchison: present *(Virtual)

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 if there was approval for the June 11, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Vincent Henley moved to approve; Commissioner Angela Day seconded the motion. All present agreed, motion carried.

Chair Raschko asked if there was approval for the June 18, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Vincent Henley moved to approve; Commissioner Angela Day seconded the motion. All present agreed, motion carried.

Chair Raschko asked if there was approval for the June 25, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Vincent Henley moved to approve; Commissioner Angela Day seconded the motion. All present agreed, motion carried.

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. Nancy Shimeall read a written comment emphasizing the urgent need to plan for climate resilience and adaptation in response to local pollution and climate change impacts. Shimeall highlighted the growing concern among community members about these issues. Shimeall requested the creation of a climate advisory group that includes local organizations specializing in climate resilience and adaptation; noting many community members are eager to participate in this effort.

Comprehensive Plan Survey Results Update

Tara Satushek, PDS Long Range Planner, shared a presentation of the findings from the first Comprehensive Plan Survey. The intent of the survey was to gauge the community's perception of Skagit County's strengths and weaknesses and identify key areas of focus for this update project, as well as initiating dialogue that the project was at the data collection, envisioning phase. Ms. Satushek stated that this was one of many strategies the project team used for public engagement in addition to the other strategies listed in the Public Participation Program.

Planning Commission Schedule Update

Robby Eckroth, PDS Long Range Planner, presented an updated tentative schedule that identified topics that will be addressed for the rest of the year. At the next meeting, July 23rd, the Planning Commission will have a work session on the Rural Element and Natural Resources Lands Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Day asked about agritourism. Jack Moore, PDS Director said that the schedule for agritourism is being worked out with the BoCC. PDS Director provided a brief update on the status.

2024 Planning Docket Update

Mr. Eckroth provided a summary of the petitions that were placed on the 2024 Docket, noting that the docket is separate from the comprehensive plan update. Items included in the docket does not mean approval of petitions, but for staff to include for further analysis. There will be two work sessions scheduled for October 8th and December 10th. A public hearing will be held November 5th and then hold deliberations to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on November 19th.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

Commissioners had no comments.

Adjourned at 6:44 PM

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Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

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