

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

November 18, 2025

6:00 PM – 8:06 PM

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Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Tim Rashko (Chair), Tammy Candler, (Vice Chair), Angela Day, Kiera Wright, Amy Hughes, Patsy Good, Jed Holmes, Joe Woodmansee

Absent: Xuhua Mu

Staff: Jack Moore, Director
Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Rashko asked if there was approval for the October 14, 2025, minutes.

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Day seconded.

Vote: Support- 8, Oppose- 0, Abstain-0, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

Public Remarks

Chair Rashko 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.

Work Session – Minor Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided a presentation going over the minor Comprehensive Plan update to remove Policy 7A-1.2 from the Housing element of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Eckroth took questions from the Planning Commission. The comment period on the amendment will be open from November 20, 2025, to December 5, 2025 at 4:30 PM. A Planning Commission public hearing will be held on December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Public Hearing and Deliberations – Capital Facilities Plan Update

Chair Rashko then opened the public hearing. No public testimony was received on the Capital Facilities Plan update. Chair Raschko then closed the open record portion of the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. Mr. Eckroth then informed the Planning Commission that Planning and Development Services received no public comments on the Capital Facilities Plan update. Chair Rashko then opened the opportunity for a motion.

Vice Chair Candler moved to recommend approval of the Capital Facilities Plan update.

Commissioner Day seconded.

Vote: Support- 8, Oppose- 0, Abstain-0, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

Commissioner Day moved to adopt the Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action in the Recorded Motion prepared by Planning and Development Services Staff.

Vice Chair Candler seconded.

Vote: Support- 8, Oppose- 0, Abstain-0, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

Deliberations – Agritourism Code Amendments

Director Jack Moore provided a presentation with an overview of the Agritourism amendments, public comments received, and on the next steps in the process. Chair Rashko then opened up the opportunity to ask Director Moore questions. Multiple Planning Commissioners asked Director Moore questions about the proposed code and responses to public comments.

Commissioner Hughes made a motion to remand the Agritourism amendments back to the Planning Commission for further study and clarity

Commissioner Holmes seconded for discussion purposes.

The Planning Commission then deliberated the motion. Following discussion, **Commissioners Hughes and Holmes withdrew** their motions.

Commissioner Day moved that the Board of County Commissioners do not approve the agritourism amendments as proposed.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Commissioner Day then explained that there are recommended changes that the Planning Commission would like to address based on public comments that were received. Director Moore then explain that procedurally if the Planning Commission would like to recommend changes to the current draft, it may make more sense to recommend approval with specific changes.

Commissioner Day moved to table deliberations on the Agritourism amendments until the December 16th Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Holmes seconded.

Vote: Support- 8, Oppose- 0, Abstain-0, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

The Planning Commission agreed to send their recommended changes in writing which will be included in the next Planning Commission packet.

Department Updates

Director Jack Moore provided an update on the progress that has been made to improve Planning and Development Services new permit tracking software.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners thanked staff and those that submitted public comments on the proposed Agritourism amendments.

Adjourned at 8:06 PM

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