

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

January 13, 2026

6:00 PM – 6:59 PM

Please refer to the video recording of the Planning Commission meeting for in-depth information about these action meeting minutes. Meeting materials, 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

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

Absent: Jed Holmes

Staff: 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 November 18, 2025, minutes.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes with a correction showing Commissioner Joe Woodmansee attended the November 18th, 2025 meeting.

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.

Public Hearing & Deliberations – Minor Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Before the Planning Commission started the public hearing, Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided a brief presentation going over the minor Comprehensive Plan update to remove Policy 7A-1.2 from the Housing element of the Comprehensive Plan. In his presentation, Mr. Eckroth noted that no public comments were received regarding the proposed comprehensive plan amendment. Chair Rashko opened up an opportunity for Planning Commissioners to ask Mr. Eckroth questions. Several Planning Commissioners asked questions about the potential

outcomes of the amendment. Chair Rashko then opened up the public hearing. Marlene Finley, representing Evergreen Islands, provided public testimony.

Chair Rashko then closed the public hearing and opened the floor for deliberations.

Vice Chair Candler moved to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan amendment. **Commissioner Mu seconded.**

Chair Rashko then opened the floor for discussion. Planning Commissioners then deliberated on whether or not to recommend staff's recommendation to remove Policy 7A-1.2 from the Comprehensive Plan. Chair Rashko then started the voting process.

Vote: Support- 4, Oppose- 3, Abstain-1, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wright 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.

There was then discussion on whether to amend Findings of Fact #8 of the recorded motion to specifically state that the amendment will not impact the County's overall approach to Accessory Dwelling Units in rural areas. After discussion, the motion was not amended. Chair Rashko then started the voting process.

Vote: Support- 4, Oppose- 3, Abstain-1, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

Department Updates

Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided an update on the agenda for the next Planning Commission Meeting which will include nomination and election of the Planning Commission chair and vice chair for the year, and the continuation of agritourism deliberations.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners congratulated Skagit County for coming together during the December flood event, thanked each other for thoughtful deliberations, thanked those in the audience that attended and provided testimony, and thanked staff for their work.

2026 Planning Commission Schedule

Mr. Eckroth noted that the agenda item to discuss the 2026 Planning Commission schedule was accidentally skipped. Mr. Eckroth then gave a brief overview of the tentative meeting agenda items that will be discussed by the Planning Commission in 2026.

Adjourned at 6:59 PM

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