

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

January 27, 2026

6:00 PM – 9:31 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, Xuhua Mu

Absent: Joe Woodmansee

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 January 13, 2026, minutes.

Commissioner Day moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Wright 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.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Chair Raschko asked if there was a nomination and election of officers.

Commissioner Day nominated Commissioner Raschko as Planning Commission Chair.

There were no other nominations.

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

Commissioner Hughes nominated Commissioner Candler as Planning Commission Vice Chair.

There were no other nominations.

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

Continued Deliberations – Agritourism Code Amendments

Chair Raschko opened the floor to continue deliberations. Chair Raschko noted that at the last meeting there was a motion from Commission Day recommending that the Board of County Commissioners deny the agritourism amendments as proposed.

Commissioner Day withdrew her motion to deny the agritourism amendments.

Commissioner Wright, whom seconded the motion, **agreed to withdraw the motion**.

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

The Planning Commission then asked Senior Planner Robby Eckroth questions regarding the amendments.

Chair Raschko made a motion to develop a new definition to include in the Planning Commission's recorded motion.

Commissioner Day seconded.

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

The Planning Commission then deliberated on a new definition and included it as Recommendation #1 in the recorded motion.

Chair Raschko made a motion to develop new language for SCC 14.18.407(1)(c) which established three categories of agritourism.

Commissioner Day seconded.

Chair Raschko proposed requiring Agritourism 1 uses to obtain approval of an Administrative Special Use Permit rather than being a Permitted Use which was entered into the Recorded Motion.

Vote: Support- 6, Oppose- 2, Abstain-0, Absent- 1.

Chair Rashko then asked the Planning Commission if there was a consensus on whether to keep PDS's recommendation to remove the tulip festival language in SCC 14.18.407(3)(a)(x).

Vote: Support- 5, Oppose- 3, Abstain-0, Absent- 1.

The Planning Commission then had a consensus vote on whether to recommend adding music venues and concerts to the list of prohibited uses under SCC 14.13.100(2)(d) in the Agricultural-Natural Resources Zone.

Vote: Support- 5, Oppose- 3, Abstain-0, Absent- 1.

The Planning Commission then added Findings #8 and #9 to the Findings of Fact and Reasons for Recommendation in addition to staff's recommended findings.

The Planning Commission then voted on the Planning Commission's Recorded Motion Regarding the Agritourism Amendments.

Vote: Support- 5, Oppose- 3, Abstain-0, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

Department Updates

Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided an update on the next meeting which will be held on February 10, 2026.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners thanked all of those that contributed to the agritourism process.

Adjourned at 9:31 PM

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