

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

August 19, 2025

6:00 PM – 6:58 PM

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Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

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

Staff: Jack Moore, Director
Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner

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 17, 2025, minutes.

Commissioner Henley moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Day seconded.

Vote: Support- 9, Oppose- 0, Abstain- 0. The 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. Rachel Perlow expressed that Agritourism is important to local farmers as it can provide supplemental income for local farmers.

Work Session – 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update

Director Jack Moore delivered a presentation on Agritourism, outlining its background and historical context. He provided an overview of the Community Advisory Group that was convened to develop recommendations on Agritourism, including a summary of their findings. Mr. Moore also reviewed the Agricultural Advisory Board's response to the Board of County Commissioners' remand of the proposed Agritourism amendments. Mr. Moore then responded to questions from the Planning Commission.

He concluded by outlining the next steps in the Agritourism process and expressed appreciation to the Community Advisory Group, Agricultural Advisory Board, and all community members who contributed to the effort.

Department Updates

Senior Planner Robby Eckroth reported that the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update, along with the reorganization of the development regulations, was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on June 23, 2025.

Mr. Eckroth also provided an update on the Critical Areas Ordinance, noting that it remains under review. The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has requested mediation through the Washington State Department of Commerce. In accordance with state law, the County must delay adoption for a minimum of 60 days. The ordinance is now tentatively scheduled for adoption on October 28, 2025.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Chair Tim Rashko thanked Commissioner Vincent Henley for his time on the Planning Commission as it was his last meeting. Other Commissioners thanked Commissioner Henley for his time on the Planning Commission and the Community Advisory Group and the Agricultural Advisory Board for their work on the draft Agritourism amendments.

Adjourned at 6:58 PM

[A full transcript of the discussion is available on our website:](#)

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