



Skagit County Planning Commission

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Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 6 pm

Commissioners Hearing Room · 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon

1. Call to Order / Agenda Review

2. Public Remarks

This time on the agenda is an opportunity for anyone to speak to the Planning Commission about any topic except items scheduled on the agenda for a public hearing that same day, or items that have had a public hearing and are still under Planning Commission deliberation. Public Remarks, which is not part of the formal public participation process for any development regulation or comprehensive plan amendment project, is limited to three minutes per speaker and up to fifteen minutes total.

3. WWU Presentation on Setback Reform

Skagit County has partnered with Western Washington University to review the County's standard zoning setbacks to identify ways the setbacks can be simplified and reduced using best practices. Students from a planning class led by Dr. Tamara Laninga, AICP, have researched Skagit County Code and the code of other jurisdictions, and will make a presentation on their findings. The Planning Commission may wish to review WWU's slides and the Department's Dimensional Standards Worksheet (which describes our existing setbacks) available at the address below.

- www.skagitcounty.net/setbacksreform

4. Workshop on SCC Chapter 14.06 Permit Procedures

The Board of County Commissioners wishes to consider changes to the permit application process that may remove the Board from its role in the permit process, including its appellate role, and has directed the Department to perform a complete rewrite of the Permit Procedures chapter to simplify and clarify its many provisions. Staff will review the memo available at the link below, and solicit initial feedback from the Planning Commission:

- www.skagitcounty.net/permitproceduresupdate

5. Department Update

Department staff may provide updates on the status of work program items, answer questions raised in public comment, and respond to questions or concerns from the Planning Commission.

6. Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners may update the Commission on relevant news and events.

7. Adjourn