



Skagit County Planning Commission

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Chair Tim Raschko **Vice Chair** Tammy Candler
Members Vincent Henley, Amy Hughes, Jennifer Hutchison, Mark Knutzen, Kathy Mitchell, Martha Rose, Joe Woodmansee

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

2022 Docket Deliberations

January 24, 2023

6:01 PM – 6:45 PM

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

Chair Raschko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Tammy Candler: Present

Vincent Henley: Present

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

Amend the Agenda

Chair Raschko proposed to amend the agenda to add the election of officers for 2023.

Commissioner Rose moved to amend the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes (12/13/2022)

Chair Raschko introduced the minutes from the last meeting (12/13/2022) for approval. A motion to approve the December 13th meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Henley and was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of Planning Commission Officers

Chair Raschko opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Woodmansee nominated Tim Raschko for Chair and Tammy Candler for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and the nominations were approved unanimously.

Public Remarks

Two citizens provided public remarks on the agritourism study. Terry Sapp, member of the Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board, spoke on the consequences of allowing larger events to be hosted on agricultural land and noted the high percentage of survey respondents who support agritourism if it was accessory to ongoing agricultural activity. Andrew Miller, PUD Commissioner and local tulip farmer, spoke to support new agritourism activities and the benefits they can bring to the agricultural and business community in Skagit County.

Work Session: Agritourism Study Update

Long Range Planning Manager Sarah Ruether provided an update on the agritourism study and survey. The survey was taken by approximately 653 participants, a third of which owned or leased farmland in Skagit County. Ms. Ruether then presented highlights from the survey results and the upcoming topics for review by the Planning Commission. For more information regarding the agritourism study please visit our website here: [Skagit County Agritourism](#)

Director's Update

There were no updates by the Planning Director.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 6:45 PM

Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

Date