

Skagit County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Censure Discussion
Election of Planning Commission Officers
Work Session: Shoreline Master Program Update

February 09, 2021
6:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Please refer to transcript and video recording of Planning Commission meeting for in-depth information about these meeting minutes. Referenced documents, the full transcript, meeting agenda, and a video recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm>

Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

Chair Raschko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko, Chair: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Joseph Shea: Present

Mark Lundsten: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Tammy Candler, Vice-Chair: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Commissioner Knutzen was unable to be present at roll-call due to technical difficulties but came in shortly after. All member of the Planning Commission were present.

Meeting Minutes (01/26/21)

Chair Raschko introduced the meeting minutes from the last meeting (01/26/21) for proposed changes and approval. Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the meeting minutes and Commissioner Rose seconded it. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Censure Discussion

This is a discussion concerning the censure of Commissioner Lundsten which occurred at a Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2020. Chair Raschko commenced this portion of the meeting by giving the floor to Commissioner Lundsten. Commissioner Lundsten brought up points which are discussed in his letter sent to the Planning Commissioners on January 11, 2021. Commissioner Lundsten moved to remove the censure placed on him. Commissioner Rose seconded this motion. The floor was open to conversation among the commissioners.

Each commissioner spoke to give comment on the motion. The motion went to a vote and was denied 3-6.

Shoreline Master Program Update

This work session commenced with a quick introduction of the Shoreline Master Program Update by Senior Planner Stevenson and consultant from the Watershed Company, Mr. Daniel. Planner Stevenson recapped the last work session and the virtual public open house. Mr. Daniel took over the presentation and introduced policy changes that will be considered and included in the SMP this year. This included a language changes, boundary line designations, environmental protection as it relates to the Critical Areas Ordinance, markers at public access points to aid first responders, and vegetative conservation goals. To view a detailed description of the policy changes up for consideration please view this meeting's transcript or video recording. Stevenson and Daniel took questions and comments from the Planning Commissioners.

Director's Updates

Director Hart led this portion of the meeting with an update on Washington State Legislation that is currently being considered at the State level and how these bills might affect Skagit County. Director Hart went into a discussion of the biggest issues affecting the County and the Planning Department including, the uptick in people retiring, tracking of the permitting process, the influx of permit applications due to the Washington State building code update, and the water issues Skagit County faces with permitting. Long Range Planner Peter Gill ended this section with closing follow up items, including a brief on the next meeting, the upcoming 2020-2021 Docket, the SMP public meeting, and Ms. Dover's departure from her role as Intern.

Planning Commission Announcement/Comments

Commissioner Rose commented to bring the Planning Commission's attention to Commission Bylaws. Commissioner Hughes, Candler, Mitchell, and Raschko expressed thanks and good luck to outgoing intern, Ms. Dover.

Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Hal Hart, Secretary

Date