

Skagit County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Work Session: Bylaws

Agritourism Update

April 13, 2021

6:00 PM – 8:00 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: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Joseph Shea: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Vince Henley: Present

Tammy Candler: absent (notified)

Vince Henley was introduced as the newest member of the Planning Commission.

Approval of Minutes (03/23/2021)

A motion to approve the March 23rd meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Rose, there was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Remarks

There were no remarks.

Agritourism Update

Long Range Planning Manager Peter Gill went through a short slideshow on Agritourism which detailed topics brought up in the Agritourism discussion groups.

Bylaws Work Session

Chair Raschko led discussion on the Bylaws working from the October version of the Bylaws that were reviewed through most of Article V. The Chair suggested continuing where the commission left off with Rules and Ethics section of the Bylaws.

There were several motions passed:

- Commissioner Mitchell makes a motion to approve Tim Raschko's Rules and Ethics compilation that includes, statement of ethical principles; conduct of members of the planning commission; censoring a member; and support for decision of the planning commission under Article VII, Ethics and Rules of Conduct. After some discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
- Commissioner Henley initiated a motion to move that Article VIII, the Amendment of Bylaws, the first sentence, the word "periodically" be replaced with the phrase "as needed." It was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and approved unanimously.
- Commissioner Hughes initiated a motion to include at the end of Article II: "to this end, the planning commission shall work to promote the County's best interest over time." Commissioner Raschko seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Training Session

Peter Gill led a training session on how to research Skagit County Code to find and look up relevant ordinances.


Director's Update

Planning Director Hal Hart and Peter Gill gave updates on the Shoreline Master Plan update. Public comment period begins on April 22nd, and the Planning Commission Work Session is on April 27th. May 11th is a Planning Commission hearing, and on May 13th there will be a public information session online. Mr. Hart discussed the 2021 Planning Docket, and the importance of public engagement and including tribes in the planning process. Department Recommendations for the 2021 Docket are available April 15th, with applicant presentations being conducted on April 26th and April 28th. A public hearing will take place on May 3rd. Other topics included local development projects, working with Seattle City Lights on water rights, and the Washington State Legislative update which may bring significant change to our planning.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements


There was some clarification on earlier discussion of the legal counsel process for the Planning Commission. There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 8:00PM



Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

4-27-21
Date



Hal Hart, Secretary

4/27/21
Date