

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

April 15, 2025

6:00 PM – 7:39 PM

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

Planning Commission:

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

Absent: Jed Holmes

Staff:

Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner
Tara Satushek, Senior Planner

Consultant:

Clay White, Kimley-Horn (Virtual)
Erin O'Kelley, Kimley-Horn (Virtual)

The Planning Commission Chair Tim Raschko called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Raschko asked for a motion to approve the April 8, 2025, minutes.

Commissioner Day moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: Support- 8, Oppose- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update Deliberations

Chair Raschko opened deliberations to continue developing recommendations and findings of fact on the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan update from the April 8th meeting. This included the Capital Facilities Element, Economic Development Element, Climate and Resiliency Element, Implementation Element, and the City of Anacortes UGA expansion request. Commissioners made their proposed recommendations which were tracked in the draft recorded motion document. The Planning Commission also added to the findings of fact and reasons for recommendation that were suggested by staff.

Chair Raschko asked if there was a motion to approve the recorded motion regarding the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan update.

Vice Commissioner Candler moved to approve the recorded motion.

Commissioner Hughes seconded.

Vote: Support- 8, Oppose- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent- 1. The motion carried.

Department Updates

Next week, April 22nd, there will be a work session for the Commission to review the proposed development regulations which include new regulations to implement comprehensive plan policies, a reorganization of the Unified Development Code, and updates to Critical Areas Ordinance. The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 6th and deliberations on May 20th.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners thanked those who participated, provided comments, and contributed to the process. Concerns were expressed by Commissioners about state legislative mandates that have created new Growth Management Act requirements. Planning Commissioners thanked staff, consultants, and the public for their work. The Commissioners shared that they appreciated working with each other and the respectful working relationship.

Adjourned at 7:39 PM

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