

# SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## Planning Commission Regular Meeting

**May 20, 2025**

**6:00 PM – 8:37 PM**

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### Summary of Meeting

#### Roll Call

##### Planning Commission:

**Present:** Tammy Candler (Vice Chair), Amy Hughes, Joe Woodmansee, Angela Day, Kiera Wright, Jed Holmes and Patsy Good.

**Absent:** Tim Raschko (Chair), Vincent Henley

##### Staff:

Jack Moore, PDS Director  
Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner  
Tara Satushek, Senior Planner  
Andy Wargo, NR Senior Planner

##### Consultants:

Dan Nickel, Facet  
Ryan Walters, Ryan Walters Law, PLLC  
Clay White, Kimley-Horn (Virtual)

The Planning Commission Vice Chair Tammy Candler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Candler asked if there was approval for May 8, 2025, minutes.

**Commissioner Hughes moved** to approve the minutes.

**Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Support- 7, Oppose- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent- 2. The motion carried.**

#### Deliberations on Updates to Critical Areas Ordinance and Development Regulations

Vice Chair Candler asked that the staff provide a brief introduction of staff recommendations based on public comments [document](#) and public comment [summary matrix](#) of [public comments](#) provided during the public comment period.

Robby Eckroth provided a brief overview of the project and the process to date. May 22<sup>nd</sup> was a work session with the Planning Commission; written public comment was open from April 21<sup>st</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>, and on May 6<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the draft updates.

The Commission started reviewing the Department Regulation amendment recommendations of the Development Regulations.

**Commissioner Day moved** to approve the Department [recommendations](#) to the Development Regulations Commission to include Recommendations 18-20.

**Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Support- 7, Oppose- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent- 2. The motion carried.**

**Commissioner Day moved** to approve the Department [recommendations](#) to the Development Regulations Commission to include Recommendations 21.

**Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Support- 6, Oppose- 0, Abstain- 1, Absent- 2. The motion carried.**

Vice Chair Candler asked if there was a motion to approve the Development Regulations as amended in the recorded motion, all voted in consensus.

The Commission moved to the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) update. The Commission reviewed and discussed the Department CAO amendments [recommendations](#) individually. Consultant Dan Nickel (Facet) and Andy Wargo, Natural Resources Senior Planner were present to answer Commissioner question related to the CAO draft update.

Planning Commissioners expressed their concerns about having a large amount of information in response to the recommended amendments to the CAO and uncomfortable making recommendations without knowing the specific information/language.

Commissioner Day recommended meeting at a later time to continue reviewing CAO. Due to transportation constraints Day left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Commissioner Holmes moved** to approve the Development Regulations with the amendments noted in the Planning Commission's Recorded Motion.

**Commissioner Good seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Support- 6, Oppose- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent- 3. The motion carried.**

There was consensus to continue the meeting at a later date. Department staff will provide the Commission with available dates to continue the meeting.

### **Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements**

Commissioners thanked staff for their patience and appreciate their responsibility to the community's interest. Commissioner Holmes recommended the Commissioners email their questions ahead of time to staff regarding the upcoming meeting.

Adjourned at 8:37 PM

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