



# 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

**Public Hearing: Stormwater Code Update**

**May 24, 2022**

**6:00 PM – 6:59 PM**

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*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>

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### **Summary of Meeting**

#### Roll Call

Vice Chair Candler began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Absent

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Absent

Martha Rose: Present

Tammy Candler: Present

Vincent Henley: Present

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

#### Approval of Minutes (5/10/2022)

Vice Chair Candler introduced the minutes from the last meeting (5/10/2022) for approval. A motion to approve the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Mitchell and was seconded by Commissioner Henley. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Public Hearing: Stormwater Code Update

Jenn Rogers, Assistant Long Range Planner, reviewed the previous work sessions on the stormwater code update and the anticipated schedule for adoption of the new code language. Jenn also explained how the public can comment on the proposed stormwater code language. Vice Chair Candler then opened the public hearing for comments. Jenna Friebel with the Skagit

Drainage and Irrigation District Consortium spoke on the district’s concerns with additional requirements from Skagit County for enlargement of irrigation ditches and for projects with proximity to critical areas. The full dialog of testimony is available in the hearing transcript, linked above.

Deliberations: Stormwater Code Update

Vice Chair Candler began deliberations for the stormwater code update amendments. The Planning Commission discussed their concerns with beginning deliberations without adequate time to consider public comments during the meeting and two written comments submitted shortly before the hearing began. Planning Commissioners requested staff provide responses to the comments and other concerns brought up by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Hughes moved to delay deliberations until after the staff report has been provided to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

Director’s Update

Director Hal Hart updated the Planning Commission on the Shoreline Master Program discussions with the Board of County Commissioners. Staff are working through the sea level rise and climate change elements of the SMP before the Board votes on final approval. Director Hart then discussed ongoing development projects in the County and meetings with the state on the Growth Management Act.

Jenn Rogers then discussed the Board of County Commissioner’s public hearing on the 2022 docket and comments the Department has received thus far. The Board is scheduled to deliberate on the public comments and staff recommendations for the docket on June 14, 2022.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 6:59 PM

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Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

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Hal Hart, Secretary

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