

## **Skagit County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Work Session: 2021 Planning Docket**

**July 13, 2021**

**6:02 PM – 7:55 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 referenced 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

Tammy Candler: Absent

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Joseph Shea: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Vince Henley: Present

#### Approval of Minutes (06/29/2021)

Chair Raschko introduced the meeting minutes from the last meeting (06/29/2021) for approval. A motion to approve June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Henley and was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Public Remarks (Watch Video Recording at 00:04:45)

A representative from the Skagit River System Cooperative brought forward concerns about LR20-02 Small Scale Business Zone Use Modification. The Skagit River System Cooperative also had concerns about the LR20-07 Accessory Dwelling Unit Code Amendment proposal.

#### 2021 Planning Docket Work [00:08:00]

Long Range Planning Manager Peter Gill gave a presentation on several of the docketed proposals (LR20-02, LR20-05, LR20-07, and LR21-04) including the County-initiated proposals (C21-2 and C21-3), going into more detail as well as explaining the process of establishing the

Docket. Mr. Gill answered questions about several of the petitions and noted where more information is available, including petitioner applications, department recommendations and memos, public comments, and hearing transcripts (available at [www.skagitcounty.net/2021CPA](http://www.skagitcounty.net/2021CPA)).

Director's Update [01:38:10]

Planning Director Hal Hart gave updates on growth in the County, including the strong number of permit applications this year. The permit counter and office is now open after working digitally so far this year. The County's permitting software will soon be updated to a modern system in order to streamline and expedite the permit process. Mr. Hart addressed the local housing situation and current developments which will provide additional housing units within the county. He has also discussed the possibility of a High Speed Rail collaboration between the State of Washington, the State of Oregon, and British Columbia which would run between Portland and Vancouver, BC.

The Shoreline Master Program Update comments and feedback will be covered in the next meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held in-person, with options to join or watch remotely.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 7:55 PM

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Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

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Hal Hart, Secretary

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