

Skagit County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Work Session: Shoreline Master Program Update

August 10, 2021

6:00 PM – 7:32 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

Vice Chair Candler began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Absent

Tammy Candler: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Absent

Mark Knutzen: Present

Joseph Shea: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Absent

Martha Rose: Present

Vince Henley: Present

Approval of Minutes (07/27/2021)

Acting Chair Tammy Candler introduced the meeting minutes from the last meeting (07/27/2021) for approval. A motion to approve July 27th meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Rose and was seconded by Commissioner Henley. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Remarks

There were no public remarks.

Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update Work Session (Watch Video Recording at 00:36:55)

Betsy Stevenson went over Department change recommendations for the SMP update in response to suggested revisions from Evergreen Islands, Washington Environmental Council, RE Sources, and Guemes Island Planning Advisory. Ms. Stevenson answered questions from the Planning Commissioners.

More information about the SMP can be found at www.skagitcounty.net/smp.

Director's Update [01:12:00]

Planning Director Hal Hart discussed the steady rate of building permits. New housing supply is constrained with high material costs and labor supply remaining limited while demand is high. New lots and housing coming onto the market are not meeting the high demand. Mr. Hart discussed affording housing project going up in Anacortes, and market rate housing projects.

Long Range Planning Manager Peter Gill went over some upcoming dates. August 23 is an optional meeting to take a tour of Bayview Ridge, and September 14 will be the next Planning Commission meeting where discussions on shorelines will be continued. This was the last meeting for Commissioner Shea before stepping down. Future in-person meetings are tentative depending on County policies.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements [01:30:55]

The Planning Commission discussed whether hybrid in-person meetings or Zoom meetings would be best suited for future meetings. Commissioners thanked Commissioner Shea for his time and contributions to the Planning Commission.

Adjourned at 7:32 PM

Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Hal Hart, Secretary

Date