



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

Work Session: Wireless Facilities Code Update

September 13, 2022

6:00 PM – 8:05 PM

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>

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: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Tammy Candler: Present

Vincent Henley: Absent

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

Approval of Minutes (8/9/2022)

Vice Chair Raschko introduced the minutes from the last meeting (8/9/2022) for approval. A motion to approve the August 9th meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Mitchell and was seconded by Commissioner Woodmansee. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Hearing: Wireless Facilities Code Update

Jenn Rogers, Assistant Long Range Planner, provided a brief presentation on the wireless facilities code update and review process for the proposed amendments. Vice Chair Candler then opened the public hearing for testimony. There were no members of the public in

attendance, either in-person or remotely, who wished to provide comment. Vice Chair Candler then closed the public hearing.

Work Session: Farmland Ordinance

Jason D'Avignon, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, presented on the proposed prohibition of offsite compensatory mitigation projects on property zoned Agriculture-Natural Resource Land (Ag-NRL). The proposal would specifically amend SCC 14.16.400 to include offsite compensatory mitigation to be excluded as a special use and thereby prohibiting such projects on Ag-NRL zoned properties and amend SCC 14.04.020 to include a definition of offsite compensatory mitigation. Offsite compensatory mitigation is defined as any action proposed on Ag-NRL zoned land as compensatory mitigation for activities, actions, or environmental impacts occurring outside Skagit County Ag-NRL zoned lands. Examples of these projects have commonly included terraforming, moving waterways, or moving dikes and levees.

Agritourism Survey Review

Sarah Ruether, Long Range Planning Manager, reviewed the draft agritourism survey with the Planning Commission. The Department is currently studying the impacts of agritourism in Skagit County and is taking input from the public as to the policy options the County can pursue for agritourism activities. The draft survey is being discussed for release in October.

Director's Update

Jenn Rogers announced the Planning Commission will host the Board of County Commissioners for a joint session on October 11, 2022. Additional details will be shared at the September 27th meeting with the Planning Commission. Director Hal Hart then discussed the status of various permits and number of new single family homes being built this year compared to previous years. Director Hart also updated the Planning Commission on ongoing commercial projects at the Port of Skagit and new housing developments being built in the county.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 8:05 PM



Tim Raschno, Planning Commission Chair

9-27-22

Date



Hal Hart, Secretary

9-27-22

Date