



# 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: Farmland Ordinance Proposal**

**September 27, 2022**

**6:02 PM – 8:00 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

Chair Raschko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Present

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 (9/13/2022)

Chair Raschko introduced the minutes from the last meeting (9/13/2022) for approval. A motion to approve the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Mitchell and was seconded by Commissioner Candler. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Public Hearing: Farmland Ordinance Proposal

Will Honea, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor, briefly reviewed the proposed prohibition of offsite mitigation projects on properties zoned Ag-NRL. Chair Raschko then opened the public hearing for comment. Comments mostly included support for the proposal and citizens thanked the County for protecting farmland from conversion to other uses. A representative for the

Swinomish Tribe testified about their concerns for continuing restoration projects in the County and the need to protect salmon habitat. The full dialog of testimony is available in the transcript, linked above.

#### Deliberations: Wireless Facilities Update

Chair Raschko opened deliberations on the wireless facilities update proposal. Commissioner Mitchell moved to accept the proposal as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Candler. The Commissioners discussed the need for the update as the current code is out of compliance with federal law and does not match industry standards. The motion to accept the proposal as presented by staff was passed unanimously, 8-0-0-1, with one commissioner being absent.

#### Director's Update

Jenn Rogers, Long Range Planner, reviewed the draft agenda and topics of discussion for the October 11<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission joint session with the Board of County Commissioners. Director Hal Hart updated the Planning Commission on the status of ongoing commercial and housing projects in the County, including the groundbreaking for Lindell Yachts. Director Hart then discussed FEMA grants the County would be receiving to purchase two homes for tear down and to raise one home above the flood level. The two properties slated for tear down were damaged in the 2021 floods and are no longer safe for occupancy.


#### Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Rose announced one of her completed projects in Sedro-Woolley would be part of the National Solar Tour on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM.

#### Adjourned at 8:00 PM

  
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Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

10-11-22  
Date

  
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Hal Hart, Secretary

10-11-22  
Date