

Skagit County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Deliberations: Shoreline Master Program Update
October 12, 2021
6:00 PM – 8:44 PM

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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 Rashko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Present

Tammy Candler: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Vince Henley: Present

Approval of Minutes (09/28/2021)

Chair Rashko introduced the meeting minutes from the last meeting (09/28/2021) for approval. A motion to approve the September 28th meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Henley and was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. There was no discussion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Deliberations: Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update

Long Range Planning Manager Peter Gill began by providing an overview of what has been covered in previous meetings followed by a discussion of deliberation process and the draft recorded motion. Chair Rashko began official deliberations on changes to the SMP. Four motions were introduced and passed.

1. Commissioner Henley moves delete SCC 14.26.370(4)(a) & (b) regarding the Shoreline Public Access Plan. Commissioner Mitchell seconds the motion. The motion passes 6-1 with Commissioner Rose voting nay and Commissioner Hughes abstaining from the vote.

2. Commissioner Henley moves that the maintenance of public access land is not the financial responsibility of the landowner. Commissioner Candler seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
3. Commissioner Henley moves that the Planning Commission recommend the Skagit County SMP allow for the future possibility of floating homes when they can be properly sited, designed, supported, regulated, and served by appropriate infrastructure such as access, power, water, and waste disposal. Commissioner Mitchell seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-3 with Commissioners Hughes, Candler, and Rose voting nay.
4. Commissioner Candler moves to add a recommendation to the recorded motion that max width for individual docks be six feet for the pier or fixed piling. Commissioner Mitchell seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

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

Director's Update

Planning Director Hal Hart discussed continued development at the Port of Skagit with the Westland Distillery, Chuckanut Brewery, and the new Amazon facility. There is continued agricultural investment happening in the county evidenced by multiple new potato sheds. Mr. Hart discusses a proposal to develop a business park in Clear Lake. Mr. Gill notes at the next meeting there will be further discussion for the SMP and a workshop on the Capital Facilities Plan and Transportation Improvement Program annual updates. Mr. Gill updates the Planning Commission on continued work around the Agritourism project. There are multiple policy options being evaluated and presented to the Agriculture Advisory Board on Wednesday evening, October 13th.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned 8:44 p.m.

Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Hal Hart, Secretary

Date