



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

2022 Docket Deliberations

December 13, 2022

6:00 PM – 7:45 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

Chair Raschko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Absent

Tammy Candler: Absent

Vincent Henley: Present

Jennifer Hutchison: Present

Approval of Minutes (11/22/2022)

Chair Raschko introduced the minutes from the last meeting (11/22/2022) for approval. A motion to approve the November 22nd meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Henley and was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Deliberations: 2022 Docket

Long Range Planner Jenn Rogers provided a presentation on the annual process for the planning docket and answered various questions from the Planning Commission from the previous work session. Chair Raschko then opened deliberations for the 2022 Docket. The Planning Commission voted on the petitions in the following manner:

- **LR22-01** Small Scale Recreation & Tourism Rezone

- Commissioner Mitchell moves to approve the petition, seconded by Commissioner Knutzen
- The motion to **approve** the petition is passed unanimously
- **C22-1** Wind Turbine Use Amendment
 - Commissioner Henley moves to reject the petition, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell
 - The motion to **deny** the petition is passed unanimously
- **C22-2** Critical Areas Ordinance Correction
 - Commissioner Mitchell moves to approve the petition, seconded by Commissioner Woodmansee
 - The motion to **approve** the petition is passed unanimously
- **C22-3** Guemes Island Overlay Side Setback Amendment
 - Commissioner Mitchell moves to approve the petition, seconded by Commissioner Hughes
 - The motion to **approve** the petition is passed unanimously
- **C22-4** Economic Development Plan Amendment
 - Commissioner Mitchell moves to approve the petition, seconded by Commissioner Hutchison
 - The motion to **approve** the petition is passed unanimously
- **C22-5** Seawater Intrusion Areas Amendment
 - Commissioner Mitchell moves to approve the petition, seconded by Commissioner Henley
 - The motion to **approve** the petition is passed unanimously

Chair Raschko called a vote to approve the 2022 Docket recorded motion. The vote passed unanimously. Relevant documents including the staff report with more detailed information on specific docket items are available at www.skagitcounty.net/2022CPA

Work Session: Agritourism Study Update

Long Range Planning Manager Sarah Ruether provided an update on the agritourism study and survey. The survey was taken by approximately 653 participants, a third of which owned or leased farmland in Skagit County. Most respondents supported agritourism activities if they are an accessory use to agricultural activities and does not lead to loss of productive farmland. Ms. Ruether then detailed the various outreach meetings staff held in the community to receive feedback on agritourism activities. Staff plan to work with BERK Consulting to compile all the survey responses into a report to be released in January 2023. For more information regarding the agritourism study please visit our website here: Skagit County Agritourism

Director's Update

Jack Moore introduced himself as the new Assistant Director for Skagit County Planning & Development Services. Mr. Moore was most recently the Building Official for Skagit County and

has experience as a planning director for the City of Sedro-Woolley. The County is planning to do an extensive search over the first part of 2023 to hire a new director to replace Hal Hart. Mr. Moore then discussed his goals and projects for the Planning Department over the next few years.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 7:45 PM



Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

1-24-23

Date



Jack Moore, Secretary

1-24-23

Date

