

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

August 18, 2026

6:00 PM –7:59 PM

Please refer to the video recording of the Planning Commission meeting for in-depth information about these action meeting minutes. Meeting materials, 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

Present: Tim Rashko, Chair; Angela Day, Kiera Wright, Xuhua Mu, Ian Larsen, Joe Woodmansee, and Patsy Good.

Staff: Deepti Khanna, Associate Planner; Jeanne August, Associate Planner; Robby Eckroth, Planning Manager; and Jack Moore, Planning Director.

The Planning Commission Chair, Tim Rashko, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Rashko started the meeting by introducing the newest Planning Commissioner, Ian Larsen, the newest Planning commissioner. Commissioner Larsen then introduced himself.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Rashko asked if there was consensus to approve July 14, 2026, minutes.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Good seconded.

Vote: Support – 7, Oppose – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. The motion carried.

Public Remarks

Chair Rashko opened the public remarks section of the meeting and asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Commission. There were 2 public remarks provided by Lora Claus and Ellen Bynum on SCC 9.08 Single Outdoor Events Code Updates.

Nomination on Vice Chair

Chair Rashko opened nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Mu nominated Commissioner Day for Vice Chair, and Chair Rashko nominated Commissioner Mu.

The Commission voted as follows:

Commissioner Day: Support – 4, Oppose – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

Commissioner Mu: Support – 3, Oppose – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

Chair Rashko offered the Vice Chair position to Commissioner Day, and Commissioner Day accepted the position.

Public Hearing – 2026 Planning Docket

Chair Rashko opened the public hearing. Associate Planner Deepti Khanna provided a presentation on the 2026 Planning Docket and the three Docket Petitions: LRPLN-2025-0001 (Small Scale Business Rezone), LRPLN-2025-0003 (Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO) Designation), and C26-1 (General Code Language Clean Up). The presentation included background information, information on how to submit comments, and an update on upcoming Planning Commission meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and will be a Planning Commission Deliberations meeting.

Presentations were provided by the petitioners' representatives. Peter Condyles provided a presentation on LRPLN-2025-0001, and Bill Lyn provided a presentation on LRPLN-2025-0003.

Public comments were provided by Bill Lynn, Connie Krier, Dr. Kathleen Shoop, Joe Musielak, Bruce Johnson, Jan Edelstein, and Ellen Bynum. There being no further public testimony, Chair Rashko closed the open record portion of the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

Deliberations – SCC 09.08 Single Outdoor Events Code Updates

Chair Rashko called on Current Planner Jeanne August to provide a brief presentation on the SCC 9.08 Single Outdoor Events Code Updates and the next steps in the process prior to deliberations. Chair Rashko then opened the floor for questions. Planning Commissioners asked questions regarding the proposed code updates.

The Planning Commission then deliberated on the recommendation.

Planning Manager Robby Eckroth noted that Chair Rashko and the Planning Commission had an opportunity to vote on the recommendation document.

Chair Rashko asked if there was consensus to move the recommendation.

Commissioner Good right moved to approve the recommendation.

Commissioner Mu seconded.

Vote: Support – 7, Oppose – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. The motion carried.

Department Updates

Jack Moore introduced Deepti Khanna and Jeanne August and provided an update on the restructuring of the Planner job descriptions.

Planning Commissioners asked about the potential impact of the SCC 9.08 update on the Planning team and about permit review timelines and the graphics available online. Jack Moore provided an update on the permit review timeline and hiring. He also discussed adding an on-call plan examiner and noted that staff are closely monitoring permit review timelines.

Depending on workload, the County may hire another on-call employee or use another position to provide additional support.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners thanked everyone who provided public testimony and thanked staff for their work. Planning Commissioners welcomed Commissioner Larsen and congratulated Commissioner Day on her appointment as Vice Chair.

Adjourned at 7:59 PM

[A video recording of the discussion is available on our website:](#)

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