

Skagit County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Introduction: 2021 Docket

Update: Agritourism

Work Session: Bylaws

May 25, 2021

6:00 PM – 8:35 PM

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 Raschko began the meeting with a roll call.

Tim Raschko: Present

Kathy Mitchell: Present

Mark Knutzen: Present

Joseph Shea: Present

Amy Hughes: Present

Joe Woodmansee: Present

Martha Rose: Present

Tammy Candler: Present

Vince Henley: Present

All members of the Planning Commission were present.

Approval of Minutes (05/11/2021)

Chair Raschko introduced the meeting minutes from the last meeting (05/11/2021) for approval. A motion to approve the May 11th meeting minutes was initiated by Commissioner Mitchell and was seconded by Commissioner Henley. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Jason D'Avignon was introduced from the Prosecuting Attorney's office to assist with the Planning Commission's legal questions.

Public Remarks (Watch Video Recording at 00:04:10)

One resident expressed desire to participate in Agritourism but has ran into regulatory obstacles, as a business may not be allowed to grow, process, and serve to costumers all in the

same place. There was another comment that was concerned about certain Agritourism uses such as restaurants being developed in areas that don't have adequate infrastructure.

2021 Docket Introduction [00:11:00]

Long Range Planning Manager Peter Gill provided a description of the petitions included in the annual docket and a schedule for review. For more information see:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2021CPA.htm>.

Agritourism Update [00:23:20]

Mr. Gill went over Phase 1 of the Agritourism project (public outreach) and emphasized the usefulness of the virtual Small Discussion Groups. Lisa Grueter highlighted results of the Survey, Small Group Discussions, and the Next Steps in this project. Mr. Gill and Ms. Grueter answered questions from the Commissioners. For more information on Agritourism and public outreach:

www.skagitcounty.net/SkagitAGT.

Bylaws Work Session [01:10:10]

Chair Raschko opened the session by inviting Commissioner Rose to voice her concerns over the bylaws. After some discussion, the Planning Commission decided by consensus against implementing term limits. Other topics included questions about conflict of interest, confidential information, emergency meetings, and communication amongst Commissioners.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved an amended motion by Commissioner Mitchell to revise line 26 of page 1 of the bylaws. The sentence "to this end, the Planning Commission shall work to promote the best interest of the County over time" was changed to say "to this end, the Planning Commission shall work to promote the best interest of the people of the county over time". A motion to have a clean copy of the bylaws prepared for easier readability was initiated by Commissioner Henley, seconded by Commissioner Hughes and approved unanimously.

Director's Update [02:10:45]

Planning Director Hal Hart discussed potential stakeholders and recent projects related to Agritourism and Legislative Updates that may affect planning under the Growth Management Act. Peter Gill brought up the Shorelines Public Information Meeting on May 27th and the online open house available at <https://www.skagitsmpopenhouse.com/>. The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on June 15th with the Board of County Commissioners.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Hal Hart, Secretary

Date