SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

October 13, 2026

6:00 PM –7:01 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.skagitcountywa.gov/services/planning-and-building/planning-commission/skagit-county-planning-commission/#/home

Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Tim Rashko (Chair), Angela Day (Vice Chair), Jennifer Bunke, Kiera Wright, Joe Woodmansee, Xuhua Mu, Chuck Messinger, Ian Larsen

Absent: Patsy Good

Staff: Robby Eckroth, Planning Manager
Leah Forbes, Senior Planner
Jason D Avingnon

The Planning Commission Chair Tim Rashko called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Rashko started the meeting by introducing the two new Planning Commissioners, Jennifer Bunke and Chuck Messinger.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Rashko asked if there was approval for the September 15, 2026, minutes.
Commissioner Day moved to approve the minutes.
Commissioner Mu seconded.
Vote: Support- 8, Oppose- 0, Abstain-0, Absent- 2. 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. Lora Claus representing Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland provided public remarks regarding the Critical Areas Ordinance updates.

Work Session – **Critical Areas Ordinance Amendments**

Senior Planner Leah Forbes introduced the proposed amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance. The Planning Commission then asked Leah questions on the proposed amendments.

Department Updates

Planning Manager Robby Eckroth provided an update on the SCC 9.08 updates for single outdoor events which are going to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration next week. The public comment period for those amendments will be starting on October 15, 2026. Mr. Eckroth also provided an update on the 2026 Docket which the Board of County Commissioners will consider adopting on October 19, 2026.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners thanked staff and the audience for coming and listening. Planning Commissioners also welcomed Commissioner Bunke and Messinger.

Adjourned at 7:01 PM

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