

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

September 15, 2026

6:00 PM – 7:25 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: Chair Tim Rashko, Angela Day (Vice Chair), Kiera Wright, Xuhua Mu, Ian Larsen ,Joe Woodmansee, and Patsy Good.

Staff: Deepti Khanna, Associate Planner; and Robby Eckroth, Planning Manager.

The Planning Commission Chair, Tim Rashko, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Rashko asked if there was consensus to approve August 18, 2026, minutes.

Commissioner Day moved to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Wright 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 wished to address the Commission. There were no public remarks.

Deliberations – 2026 Planning Docket

Chair Rashko invited Associate Planner Deepti Khanna to provide a brief presentation on the three 2026 Planning 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).

Ms. Khanna provided background information on the petitions and noted that 14 public comments were received regarding the proposed comprehensive plan amendments. She also addressed two items raised in the public comments regarding the Rasar petition for the Mineral Resource Overlay under LRPLN-2025-0003, including access and potential environmental impacts. Ms. Khanna also reviewed the next steps in the process prior to deliberations.

Chair Rashko opened the meeting for questions from the Planning Commissioners. Several Planning Commissioners asked questions regarding the potential outcomes of the proposed amendments.

LRPLN-2025-0001 – Small Scale Business Rezone

Chair Rashko asked if there was consensus to move the recommendation on the first petition, LRPLN-2025-0001 (Small Scale Business Rezone).

Commissioner Woodmansee moved to approve the recommendation.

Vice Chair Day seconded.

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

LRPLN-2025-0003 – Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO) Designation

Chair Rashko asked if there was consensus to move the recommendation on the second petition, LRPLN-2025-0003 (Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO) Designation).

Several Planning Commissioners asked questions regarding the petition.

Vice Chair Day moved to approve the recommendation.

Commissioner Woodmansee seconded.

Vote: Support – 5, Oppose – 2, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. The motion carried.

C26-1 – General Code Language Clean Up

Chair Rashko asked if there was consensus to move the recommendation on the third petition, C26-1 (General Code Language Clean Up).

The Planning Commission deliberated on the recommendation and asked questions regarding the petition.

Vice Chair Day moved to approve the recommendation.

Commissioner Mu seconded.

Vote: Support – 4, Oppose – 3, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. The motion carried.

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action - LRPLN-2025-0001

Commissioner Wright moved to adopt the Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action for LRPLN-2025-0001 (Small Scale Business Rezone) contained in the Recorded Motion prepared by Planning and Development Services Staff.

Vice Chair Day seconded.

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

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action – LRPLN-2025-0003

Vice Chair Day moved to adopt the Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action for LRPLN-2025-0003 (Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO) Designation) contained in the Recorded Motion prepared by Planning and Development Services staff.

Commissioner Good seconded.

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

The Planning Commission then discussed adding Finding of Fact No. 10 to the Recorded Motion to specifically state that the Planning Commission recognizes the absence of an aggregation policy but also recognizes that the lots aggregate in a practical way with the adjacent existing mine site.

Following discussion, the motion was amended.

Vice Chair Day moved to amend the motion, and **Commissioner Good seconded.**

Vote: Support – 5, Oppose – 2, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. The motion carried.

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action – C26-1

Vice Chair Day moved to adopt the Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action for C26-1 (General Code Language Clean Up) contained in the Recorded Motion prepared by Planning and Development Services staff.

Chair Rashko seconded.

The Planning Commission then discussed adding a recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners consider whether the addition of Item No. 4 creates an unintended substantive change to the definition of a Party of Record and consider clarifying what are the legal rights of a Party of Record.

Following discussion, the motion was amended.

Vice Chair Day moved to amend the motion, and **Chair Rashko seconded.**

Vote: Support – 4, Oppose – 1, Abstain – 2, Absent – 0. The motion carried.

Chair Rashko then called for a vote on the Recorded Motion for the entire 2026 Planning Docket.

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

Department Updates

Planning Manager Robby Eckroth provided department updates, including the upcoming launch of the County's new website on September 30, 2026. He also noted that the next Planning

Commission meeting will include discussion of an appeal related to the Critical Areas Ordinance adopted last year.

The Planning Commission asked about the vacant Planning Commission positions. Mr. Eckroth reported that the Board of County Commissioners appointed Chuck Messinger to fill the position representing Commissioner District 2. Mr. Messinger's term will begin September 21, 2026. He also noted that one additional vacancy remains and that the Board of County Commissioners expects to begin the interview process in the coming weeks.

Planning Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Planning Commissioners thanked members of the public for providing testimony and thanked staff for their work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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