



REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 23, 2021 MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Robert Larsen, Planning Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Of the nine (9) currently appointed commissioners, nine (9) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members):

Merle Ash	James Kamp @ 5:55	Tom Norcott
Leah Everett	Robert Larsen	Neil Pederson
Mark James	Keri Moore	Raymond Sheldon

Election of 2020 Officers

Commissioner Larsen asked for nominations for the 2021 Planning Commission Chairperson.

Commissioner Simmonds resigned prior to the February Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pederson and seconded by Commissioner Norcott to elect Commissioner Larsen as Chairperson for the 2021 Planning Commission meetings.

VOTE (Motion):

7 in favor (*Ash, Everett, James, Moore, Norcott, Pederson and Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstention

Commissioner Larsen asked for nominations for the 2021 Planning Commission Vice-Chairperson.

Motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner James to elect Commissioner Norcott as Vice-Chairperson for the 2021 Planning Commission meetings.

VOTE (Motion):

7 in favor (*Ash, Everett, James, Larsen, Moore, Pederson and Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstention

David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services (PDS), Interim Long Range Planning Manager, served as Planning Commission Secretary for this meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of [December 15, 2020](#), regular meeting were approved unanimously.

C. STATUS OF PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

David Killingstad reviewed anticipated topics for upcoming Planning Commission meetings and the status of past recommendations.

- [Report on Recent Snohomish County Planning Commission Activities](#)
- [Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics](#)

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System: Briefing

Terri Strandberg, PDS Principal Planner, 425-262-2359, Terri.Strandberg@snoco.org

Terri Strandberg provided a briefing to the Planning Commission on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has issued an updated Phase I Permit under authority of the Clean Water Act and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Ecology updates the Phase I Permit every five years. The Phase I Permit addresses requirements for stormwater management and protection of water quality in receiving waters. The County is required to update the enforceable documents that make up its stormwater program for consistency with the new Phase I Permit. The enforceable documents proposed for updates include the drainage and land disturbing activity chapters of Snohomish County's development codes and the County's stormwater manual.

After the briefing presentation the Commissioners had several questions for Ms. Strandberg. The hearing was tentatively set for March 23, 2021.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated February 8, 2021](#)
- [Presentation](#)

2. Historic & Archaeology Resources: Informational Briefing

Amber Piona, PDS Planner, 425-262-2375, Amber.Piona@snoco.org

Gretchen Kaehler, DCNR County Archeologist, 425-388-343, Gretchen.Kaehler@snoco.org

Gretchen Kaehler provided a general overview of the regulations for archaeological resources. This presentation provided background information for an upcoming briefing on a proposed archaeological code amendment.

After a few comments and questions from the Commissioners a PDS staff briefing on the Archaeology code amendments was tentatively set for March 23, 2021.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation](#)

3. 2024 GMA Comprehensive Plan Update: Informational Briefing

David Killingstad, Acting PDS Manager, 425-262-2215, David.Killingstad@snoco.org

David Killingstad presented background information on the project, an updated schedule, and recap the December 2019 Planning Commission discussion on emerging issues. Additional background information may be found on the project website.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Killingstad what emergency issues they would like to be considered or would like more information on. Schools, rural internet access and climate change were at the top of the list.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation](#)

4. Long Range Planning Public Engagement Strategy: Informational Briefing

Hilary McGowan, PDS Planner, 425-388-5377, Hilary.McGowan@snoco.org

Amber Piona, PDS Planner, 425-262-2375, Amber.Piona@snoco.org

Hilary McGowan provided an overview of two planning engagement efforts currently underway, the Public Engagement Work Group and the outreach for the 2024 Update.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation](#)

F. ADJOURN

This regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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