



Snohomish County

PLANNING COMMISSION

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## REGULAR SESSION MARCH 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 5:32 p.m. Of the nine (9) currently appointed commissioners, eight (8) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members):

Merle Ash

Robert Larsen

Neil Pederson

Leah Everett

Keri Moore

Raymond Sheldon

Mark James

Tom Norcott

James Kamp was absent from the meeting.

### B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of [February 23, 2021](#), regular meeting was approved unanimously. Amend to add that Loren Simmonds resigned from the Planning Commission

### 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

#### 1. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System: Hearing

Terri Strandberg, PDS Principal Planner, 425-262-2359, [Terri.Strandberg@snoco.org](mailto:Terri.Strandberg@snoco.org)

Terri Strandberg gave a few comments and clarifications 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.

The **Public Hearing opened at 5:45 p.m.** on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System amendments.

One (1) written comment was received by the Planning Commission from the public before the March 23, 2021 hearing. One member of the public commented at the public hearing.

The **Public Hearing was closed at 5:53 p.m.**

After the hearing the Commissioners had no comments and were asked to make a motion.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Everett and seconded by Commissioner Norcott recommending **approval** on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System amendments as contained in the February 8, 2021, briefing staff report.

An **Amendment** was made by Commissioner Everett and seconded by Commissioner Sheldon recommending **approval** to amend critical area development conditions to allow utility related activities, including maintenance and replacement of facilities.

**VOTE (Amendment):**

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

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

**VOTE (Motion):**

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

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Memo with Attachments dated March 5, 2021](#)
- [Briefing Staff Report dated February 8, 2021](#)
- [Briefing Presentation](#)

2. Historic & Archaeology Resources: Briefing

Amber Piona, PDS Planner, 425-262-2375, [Amber.Piona@snoco.org](mailto:Amber.Piona@snoco.org)

Gretchen Kaehler, DCNR County Archeologist, 425-388-343, [Gretchen.Kaehler@snoco.org](mailto:Gretchen.Kaehler@snoco.org)

Amber Piona briefed the Planning Commission on proposed code amendments to Chapter 30.32D SCC to address archaeological resources. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to revise land use regulations associated with archaeological resources to reflect current law, clarify terminology, and increase the protection of archaeological resources in unincorporated Snohomish County.

After the presentation from Ms. Piona the commissioners asked several questions and requested a summary of changes for the next meeting.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated March 5, 2021](#)
- [Presentation](#)

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Tree Canopy Report: Informational Briefing

Hilary McGowan, PDS Planner, 425-388-5377, [Hilary.McGowan@snoco.org](mailto:Hilary.McGowan@snoco.org)

Hilary McGowan provided an overview of tree canopy monitoring and regulations, recent canopy coverage mapping data, and present the findings of the 2021 Tree Canopy Monitoring Report.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Tree Canopy Report Link -   
https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/80156](#)
- [Presentation](#)

**F. ADJOURN**

Barb Mock said goodbye to the Planning Commission, after 44 years she will be retiring at the end of March. Director Mock also announced that Michael McCrary will be taking over as Director.

David Killingstad announced that PDS will be putting together a join meeting with the Tulalip Tribes in the next couple of months over Zoom.

This regular meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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