



Snohomish County

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## REGULAR SESSION APRIL 27, 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 5:35 p.m. Of the nine (9) currently appointed commissioners, seven (7) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members):

**Merle Ash @ 5:40**  
**Mark James**  
**Tom Norcott**

**Robert Larsen**  
**Keri Moore**

**Neil Pederson**  
**Raymond Sheldon**

James Kamp was absent from the meeting.

Leah Everett was absent from the meeting.

### B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of [March 23, 2021](#), regular meeting was approved unanimously.

### C. STATUS OF PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Brandi Spores 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. Historic & Archaeology Resources: Hearing

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

Gretchen Kaehler, DCNR County Archeologist, 425-388-3432, [Gretchen.Kaehler@snoco.org](mailto:Gretchen.Kaehler@snoco.org)

Amber Piona provided a brief overview of the proposed code amendments to chapter 30.32D SCC 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 Amber Piona the commissioners held a discussion. Key discussion points included were archeological conservation and the parameters of consultation and study. The commissioners also discussed the thirty (30) day timeline for tribal comments being removed.

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing opened at 5:49 p.m.** on the Historic & Archaeology Resources amendments.

One (1) member of the public commented at the public hearing.

The **Public Hearing was closed at 5:59 p.m.**

After the hearing commissioners asked to be given additional clarification on the removal of the thirty (30) day timeline for comment. Commissioner Norcott proposed the item be tabled until the May 25<sup>th</sup> agenda when the additional information can be provided.

The commission proposes postponing the deliberations to the next meeting.

VOTE

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

0 opposed

0 abstention

Deliberations for Historic and Archeological Resources will be postponed until the May 25<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Hearing Memo dated April 9, 2021](#)
- [Hearing Presentation](#)
- [Briefing Staff Report dated March 5, 2021](#)
- [Briefing Presentation](#)

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Countywide Planning Policies: Informational Briefing**

Mitchell Brouse, PDS Senior Planner, 425-388-5127, [Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org](mailto:Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org)

PDS staff briefed the Planning Commission on the 2021 Update of the Countywide Planning Policies for Snohomish County.

After the presentation from Mitchell Brouse the commissioners held a discussion. Key discussion points included were reference checking for bill 5254, the timeline for Countywide Planning Policies updates, membership on the Planning Advisory Committee, and the timeline for updates to VISION 2050.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation](#)
- [Countywide Planning Policies Website](#)

### **2. Snohomish County Housing Trends: Informational Briefing**

Chris Collier, Alliance for Housing Affordability, 425-293-0601, [ccollier@hasco.org](mailto:ccollier@hasco.org)

Chris Collier from and Alliance for Housing Affordability shared a presentation on recent housing trends and data concerning housing affordability and cost burden.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation](#)

**F. ADJOURN**

This regular meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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