



Snohomish County

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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**REGULAR SESSION  
JUNE 22, 2021  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA REVIEW**

Commissioner Robert Larsen, Planning Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 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  
Leah Everett  
Mark James

James Kamp  
Robert Larsen  
Keri Moore

Tom Norcott  
Neil Pedersen  
Raymond Sheldon

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

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of [May 25, 2021](#) were unanimously approved.

**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. He also informed the Commissioners that a joint meeting with the Tulalip Tribes Planning Commission is being scheduled for September 22, 2021. This meeting is likely to be held in-person.

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

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Length of time for oral testimony

Commissioners discussed the length of time for oral testimony. Chair Larsen shared that he and Vice Chair Norcott met with Planning and Development Services (PDS) Manager, David Killingstad, PDS Director Mike McCrary, and Commission Clerk Megan Moore to discuss time for oral testimony and three minutes being the standard at surrounding counties they recommend keeping testimony time to three (3) minutes for public comment and five (5) minutes for a representative of a group.

2. 2021 County-initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Hearing

Steve Skorney, PDS Senior Planner, 425-262-2207, [steve.skorney@snoco.org](mailto:steve.skorney@snoco.org)



Steve Skorney briefly discussed each of the 2021 county-initiated plan amendments. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the annual consideration of county-initiated amendments to the Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) according to the requirements of Chapter 30.73 Snohomish County Code. The GPP21-3 Technical Corrections 2021 package of proposed amendments consisted of amendments to maps 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the General Policy Plan (GPP) to recognize properties that are no longer under county jurisdiction due to municipal annexations.

After the presentation the Commissioners had no comments or questions.

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing at 5:48 p.m.** for the GPP21-3 Technical Corrections.

No one commented at the public hearing.

The **Public Hearing was closed at 5:48 p.m.**

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

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Norcott and seconded by Commissioner Everett recommending **approval** of the GPP21-3 Technical Corrections.

**VOTE (Motion):**

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

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation dated June 22, 2021](#)
- [GPP21-3 Tech Corrections Staff Recommendation dated June 4, 2021](#)
- [Presentation dated May 25, 2021](#)
- [Briefing Staff Report dated May 7, 2021](#)

3. Final Docket XX: Hearings

Steve Skorney, PDS Senior Planner, 425-262-2207, [steve.skorney@snoco.org](mailto:steve.skorney@snoco.org)

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

Jay Larson, Transportation Planning Coordinator, 425-388-3614, [jay.larson@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:jay.larson@co.snohomish.wa.us)

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on each Final Docket XX item which consisted of four docket proposals to amend the Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) and implement zoning according to the requirements of Chapter 30.74 Snohomish County Code (SCC).

- 3.1 Olympic View Water and Sewer District (CFP1) Hearing – Terri Strandberg presented and gave a few comments and clarifications to the Planning Commission regarding the amendment to the Capital Facilities Plan of the GMACP to identify Olympic View as the



sewer provider to the Point Wells site and approve a 2019 amendment to Olympic View's 2007 comprehensive sewer plan to include the Point Wells site.

After the presentation the Commissioners had no questions or comments but did clarify the specific motion for the proposal.

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.** for the Docket XX proposal Olympic View Water and Sewer District (CFP1).

One (1) written comment was received by the Planning Commission from the public before the June 22, 2021 hearing. One (1) member of the public commented at the public hearing.

The **Public Hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.**

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

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner James and seconded by Commissioner Norcott recommending **approval** for Olympic View Water and Sewer District (CFP1) proposal as recommended by staff.

**VOTE (Motion):**

8 9 in favor (*Ash, Everett, James, Kamp, Larsen, Moore, Norcott, Pederson, and Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation dated June 22, 2021](#)
- [Presentation dated May 25, 2021](#)
- [Olympic View Water and Sewer District Briefing Staff Report dated May 7, 2021](#)

3.2 Edward Tokarz (SW5) Hearing – Steve Skorney gave a presentation regarding the proposed rezone of .72 acres in the Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA) from Urban Medium Density Residential (UMDR) to Urban High Density Residential (UHDR) and rezone from R-8,400 to Multiple Residential (MR). The proposal is consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA), Multicounty Planning Policies (MPP), Countywide Planning Policies (CPP), and the General Policy Plan (GPP).

After the presentation the Commissioners clarified that the proposal is for a rezone only, and that no project has been planned at this time.

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.** for the Docket XX proposal Edward Tokarz (SW5).

One (1) written comment was received by the Planning Commission from the public before the June 22, 2021 hearing. One (1) member of the public commented at the public hearing.



The **Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.**

After the hearing the Commissioners deliberated on the location, the infrastructure of the area including traffic, street conditions, and parking requirements and appropriateness of the rezone.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Ash and seconded by Commissioner Everett recommending **approval** for the Edward Tokarz (SW5) proposal as recommended by staff.

**VOTE (Motion):**

8 9 in favor (*Ash, Everett, James, Kamp, Larsen, Moore, Norcott, Pederson, and Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation dated June 22, 2021](#)
- [SW5 Tokarz Docket XX Staff Recommendation dated June 4, 2021](#)
- [Tokarz SW5 Aerial final](#)
- [Tokarz SW5 FLU final](#)
- [Tokarz SW7 Zoning final](#)
- [Presentation dated May 25, 2021](#)
- [Edward Tokarz Briefing Staff Report dated May 7, 2021](#)

- 3.3 Tom Winde et al. (SW6) Hearing – Steve Skorney and Jay Larson presented on the proposed options to amend the Future Land Use Map of the General Policy Plan to:
- a. (Option 1) Redesignate 19.96 acres in the SWUGA from Urban Low Density Residential (ULDR) to UHDR and rezone from R-7,200 to MR; or
  - b. (Option 2) Redesignate 19.96 acres in the SWUGA from ULDR to UMDR and rezone from R-7,200 to Low Density Multiple Residential (LDMR).

After the presentation Commissioner Pedersen commented on the Draft EIS, the timing of the Docket XX SW6 request, and possible changes for traffic management in the future.

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.** for the Docket XX proposal Tom Winde et al. (SW6).

Eight (8) written comments were received by the Planning Commission from the public before the June 22, 2021 hearing. Thirteen (13) members of the public commented at the public hearing.

The **Public Hearing was closed at 7:51 p.m.**

After the hearing the commissioners deliberated on the SW6 proposal. Chief points of the deliberations included the multiple viewpoints of the decision, the need for additional housing options, the possibility of conditional approval contingent on road access, the projected growth of



the county, traffic concerns, fire safety, and school capacity. The commissioners also commented on the timeline of the proposal and how to best mitigate the concerns brought up during the hearing especially road capacity. They also clarified how to make a recommendation to County Council to approve an option, but with conditions.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Ash and seconded by Commissioner James recommending **approval** for Option 2 with conditions from the commissioners in accordance with recommendations made during deliberations and added comments from commissioners in the recommendation letter to County Council.

**VOTE (Motion):**

5 in favor (*Ash, James, Kamp, Larsen, Norcott*)

4 opposed (*Everett, Moore, Pedersen, Sheldon*)

0 abstention

**Motion FAILED**

Commissioners continued their deliberations and discussed possible outcomes of leaving the area as it is and the possible outcomes to the county for increased density.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Everett and seconded by Commissioner Sheldon to **deny** and to include summary of the findings and deliberations of the commissioners in the recommendation letter to County Council.

**VOTE (Motion):**

5 in favor (*Everett, Larsen, Moore, Pedersen, Sheldon*)

4 opposed (*Ash, James, Kamp, Norcott*)

0 abstention

**Motion FAILED**

Commissioners continued deliberations and clarified that the land could be redesignated to Urban Medium Density Residential and the zoning could remain R-7,200. Then a change in circumstances would need to be proven to have R-7,200 rezoned in the future.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Ash and seconded by Commissioner James recommending to leave the zoning at R-7,200, and to redesignate the Future Land Use Map to Urban Medium Density Residential and to attach a summary of the deliberations to the recommendation letter to County Council.

**VOTE (Motion):**

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

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation dated June 22, 2021](#)
- [SW6 Winde Docket XX Staff Recommendation dated June 4, 2021](#)



- [Winde SW6 Aerial final](#)
- [Winde SW6 FLU option 1 final](#)
- [Winde SW6 FLU option 2 final](#)
- [Winde SW6 Zoning option 1 final](#)
- [Winde SW6 Zoning option 2 final](#)
- [Presentation dated May 25, 2021](#)
- [Tom Winde et al. Briefing Staff Report dated May 7, 2021](#)
- [Draft Supplemental Environment Impact Statement – Winde \(SW6\)](#)

3.4 Marv Thomas (SW7) Hearing – Steve Skorney gave a presentation regarding the proposed redesignation of 6.6 acres in the Southwest Urban Growth Area from Urban Low Density Residential to Urban Commercial and the rezone from R-7,200 to Community Business. The proposal is consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA), Multicounty Planning Policies (MPP), and Countywide Planning Policies CPP).

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing at 9:04 p.m.** for the Docket XX proposal Marv Thomas (SW7).

One (1) written comment was received by the Planning Commission from the public before the June 22, 2021 hearing. One (1) member of the public commented at the public hearing.

The **Public Hearing was closed at 9:06 p.m.**

After the hearing there were no comments or questions from the Commissioners.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Norcott and seconded by Commissioner Everett recommending **approval** for the Docket XX proposal Marv Thomas (SW7) as recommended by staff.

**VOTE (Motion):**

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

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation dated June 22, 2021](#)
- [SW7 Thomas Docket XX Staff Recommendation dated June 4, 2021](#)
- [Thomas SW7 Aerial final](#)
- [Thomas SW7 FLU final](#)
- [Thomas SW5 Zoning final](#)
- [Presentation dated May 25, 2021](#)
- [Marv Thomas Briefing Staff Report dated May 7, 2021](#)

4. County Council Referred Amendments to Mineral Lands Comprehensive Plan Policies and Code Provisions: Hearing



Mitchell Brouse, PDS Senior Planner, 425-388-5127, mitchell.brouse@snoco.org

Mitchell Brouse briefly reviewed and presented on a County Council referred proposal to amend the portions of the Snohomish County Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) General Policy Plan (GPP) and Snohomish County Code (SCC) Title 30 related to the designation and exhaustion of mineral lands. The proposal was referred by Motion No. 21-124 and includes: (1) amendments to the GPP related to the transition of mine sites to post extractive uses; (2) amendments to the Mineral Resource Lands Map (Map 2); (3) amendments to SCC related to mineral lands and the exhaustion of mining operations; and (4) site specific rezones.

After the presentation the Commissioners had no questions or comments.

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing at 9:19 p.m.** for the County Council Referred Amendments to Mineral Lands Comprehensive Plan Policies and code Provisions.

One (1) member of the public commented at the public hearing.  
The **Public Hearing was closed at 9:20 p.m.**

After the hearing comments were given on code provisions concerning reclamation activities. Furthermore, clarification was given that development agreements allow for mitigation measures at long-term development sites.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Ash and seconded by Commissioner Norcott recommending **approval** on the for the County Council Referred Amendments to Mineral Lands Comprehensive Plan Policies and Code Provisions as recommended by staff.

**VOTE (Motion):**

8 9 in favor (*Ash, Everett, James, Kamp, Larsen, Moore, Norcott, Pederson, and Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstention

**Motion PASSED**

For further information, please review the following:

- [Presentation dated May 25, 2021](#)
- [Briefing Staff Report dated May 7, 2021](#)

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**F. ADJOURN**

This regular meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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PLANNING COMMISSION'S RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

At the conclusion of its public hearing, the County Planning Commission will consider transmitting a formal recommendation to County Council concerning adoption of the proposal. The Commission may make a recommendation to adopt or to not adopt the proposal. The Commission's recommendation may also propose amendments to the proposal. The Planning Commission is an advisory body and the final decision rests with the County Council.

PARTY OF RECORD / PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

You may become a party of record for any specific topic that comes before the Planning Commission by submitting a written request or testimony to Brandi Spores, Planning Commission Clerk, PDS, M/S 604, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or via email at Brandi.Spores@snoco.org.

WHERE TO GET COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITE ACCESS:

Please check [www.snohomishcountywa.gov](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov) for additional information or the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services, Reception Desk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County Administration Building-East, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett. For more information, call Brandi Spores, Planning Commission Clerk, at 425-388-3224.

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Mark James, District 1	Neil Pedersen, District 4
Tom Norcott, District 2	James Kamp, District 5
Raymond Sheldon, Jr., District 2	Leah Everett, District 5
Robert Larsen, District 3	Keri Moore, Executive Appointee
Vacant, District 3	

Commission Staff (from Planning and Development Services (PDS) Department):

Mike McCrary, Commission Secretary	Megan Moore, Commission Clerk
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