



Snohomish County

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Snohomish County Planning Commission**

**APRIL 25, 2017**

**5:30 – 9:00 PM**

Snohomish County Administration Building-East

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Public Meeting Room 2

3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201

For access to supporting documents reviewed by the Planning Commission, visit our website at <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov> and enter "Planning Commission" in the search box.

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA REVIEW**
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - March 28, 2017: Regular Meeting
- C. STATUS OF PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment (3 minutes or less per person) will be accepted on any item related to planning, zoning, and/or land use that is not already scheduled for public hearing on this meeting agenda. Persons providing public comment on a non-hearing item will not be considered a party of record with respect to that item and their comments will be entered into the record only when provided in writing.

Citizens are reminded that Planning Commissioners are volunteers and do not work for the county. As the legislative body, the County Council has decision-making authority.

## **E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Planning Commission Voting Requirements: Discussion**

Ikuno Masterson, Planning Commission Secretary, 425-388-3153, [Ikuno.masterson@snoco.org](mailto:Ikuno.masterson@snoco.org)

For more information see:

- [Chapters 2.08.120 Snohomish County Code Quorum of Commissioners – Meetings](#)
- [Chapter 30.73.060\(3\) Snohomish County Code Planning Commission action of Type 3 proposal](#)
- [Article VIII of the Snohomish County Planning Commission Bylaws Quorum, Majority and Voting Requirements](#)
- [Memorandum from Prosecuting Attorney's Office \(dated April 12, 2017\): Number of Votes Required for the Planning Commission to Make a Recommendation](#)

At the Planning Commission meeting on March 28, 2017, Commissioner Hannam questioned the interpretation of SCC 2.08.120, which states in part “*all actions of the commission shall be determined by a majority vote of the commission membership at a meeting at which a quorum is present*”. The issue regarding how many votes are required for Planning Commission action has surfaced since at least 2005, with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office weighing in on the issue from time to time. A current memo from the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office is attached.

### **2. Pedestrian Facilities: Hearing**

David Killingstad, PDS Principal Planner, 425-262-2215, [david.killingstad@snoco.org](mailto:david.killingstad@snoco.org)

For more information see:

- [Staff Report \(dated March 16, 2017\) including:](#)
  - Attachment A: Proposed Pedestrian Facilities Code Amendments
- [Pedestrian Facilities PowerPoint Presentation \(dated March 28, 2017\)](#)

The proposed code amendments clarify the requirements to provide pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks internal to a development, address issues related to pedestrian facilities in drive aisles, add a new definition for active on-site recreation open space, and clarify the authority between the County Engineer and the Director of Planning and Development Services to make decisions on pedestrian facilities. The Planning Commission was briefed on this project at their March 28, 2017, meeting.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Critical Areas Regulations Amendments: Briefing**

Troy Holbrook, PDS Principal Planner, 425-388-6257, [troy.holbrook@snoco.org](mailto:troy.holbrook@snoco.org)

For more information see:

- [Staff Report \(dated April 11, 2017\) including:](#)
  - Attachment 1: WAC 365-190-130
  - Attachment 2: Growth Management Hearings Board Final Decision and Order

Briefing on proposed amendments to the critical area regulations (CAR), in Title 30 Snohomish County Code (SCC), by designating three additional types of critical areas for protection as specified in WAC 365-190-130: Naturally occurring ponds under twenty acres and their submerged aquatic beds that provide fish or wildlife habitat; lakes, ponds, streams and rivers planted with game fish by a governmental or tribal entity; and state natural area preserves, natural resource conservation areas, and state wildlife areas. A public hearing is proposed for May 23, 2017.

2. 2017 County-initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Briefing

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

The Planning Commission will be briefed on the annual consideration of county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan according to the requirements of Chapter 30.73 SCC. A May 23, 2017, public hearing is proposed on this year's package, which include:

a. GPP3 – Transportation Element

Jay Larson, Transportation Planning Coordinator, 425-388-3614. [jay.larson@snoco.org](mailto:jay.larson@snoco.org)  
Aaron Lee, Public Works Senior Planner, 425-262-2482, [aaron.lee@snoco.org](mailto:aaron.lee@snoco.org)

For more information see:

- [Staff Report \(dated April 10, 2017\) including:](#)
  - Attachment 1: Proposed GPP3 – Transportation Element Text Changes
  - Attachment 2: Proposed GPP3 – High Capacity Transit Map

b. GPP2 – Transportation Element

Jay Larson, Transportation Planning Coordinator, 425-388-3614. [jay.larson@snoco.org](mailto:jay.larson@snoco.org)  
Aaron Lee, Public Works Senior Planner, 425-262-2482, [aaron.lee@snoco.org](mailto:aaron.lee@snoco.org)

For more information see:

- [Staff Report \(dated April 10, 2017\) including:](#)
  - Attachment 1: Proposed GPP2 - County Arterial Mileage Table
  - Attachment 2: Proposed GPP2 – Arterial Circulation Map
  - Attachment 3: Proposed GPP2 – Countywide Bicycle Facilities System Map

c. GPP4 – Technical Corrections

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

For more information see:

- [Staff Report \(dated April 12, 2017\) including:](#)
  - Attachment 1: FLU and aerial site maps depicting locations of the change in tribal trust land status and the SWUGA boundary correction
  - Attachment 2: Revised FLU map reflecting removal of the TDR Pilot Program Sending Area
  - Attachment 3: Amendments to the GPP and development regulations to reflect the termination of the TDR Pilot Program

### 3. Final Docket XVIII: Briefing

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

The Planning Commission will be briefed on Final Docket XVIII which consists of one non-county initiated proposal to amend the Future Land Use Map of the General Policy Plan and implementing zoning according to the requirements of Chapter 30.74 SCC. A May 23, 2017, public hearing is proposed, which includes:

#### a. SW-1 – Van Hollebeke

For more information see:

- Staff Report (dated April 12, 2017) including:
  - Attachment 1: SW1 – FLU map
  - Attachment 2: SW1 – Zoning map
  - Attachment 3: SW1 – Aerial map

### **G. ADJOURN**

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 Sally Evans, Planning Commission Clerk, PDS, M/S 604, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or via email at Sally.Evans@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 Sally Evans, Planning Commission Clerk, at 425-388-3285.*

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE:

*Snohomish County facilities are accessible. The county strives to provide access and services to all members of the public. Sign language interpreters and communication materials in alternate form will be provided upon advance request of one calendar week. Contact Katy Sadovnik at 425-262-2111 Voice, or 425-388-3700 TDD*

Snohomish County Planning Commissioners:

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Tom Norcott, District 2  
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Angeline Fowler, Executive Appointee*

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*Ikuno Masterson, Acting Commission Secretary      Sally Evans, Commission Clerk*