



Snohomish County
Planning Commission
Planning and Development Services

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REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 28, 2023
MINUTES

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Robert Larsen, Planning Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Of the ten (10) currently appointed commissioners, eight (8) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members:

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent
Merle Ash	
Rosanna Brown	
Kimberly Busteed	
Tom Campbell	
Christine Eck	
Robert Larsen	
Neil Pedersen	
Mark James	
Ray Sheldon	
Leah Everett @ 5:35 pm	

David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services Director served as the Planning Commission Secretary for this meeting.

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report was given.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of [February 28, 2023](#) were unanimously approved.



E. STATUS OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PAST RECOMMENDATIONS

- [Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics](#)
- County Council Actions on Planning Commission Recommendations

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. County Initiated Areawide Rezones: Hearing

David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services Director, David.Killingstad@snoco.org

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed county-initiated areawide rezones to correct the zoning of eight properties that were incorrectly rezoned in 2021 and are now inconsistent with the County's Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan.

Before the hearing, the commissioners did not have any questions.

Commissioner Larsen opened the **Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m.** for the proposed code amendments.

No written comments were received by the Planning Commission from the public before the public hearing. Two (2) members of the public commented at the public hearing.

During the hearing, it was found that the postcard notices for the hearing contained an incorrect Zoom link. David Killingstad was able to find the Zoom line and help the attendees join the correct Zoom line.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m.

Following the summary and public hearing, there were additional questions and discussions from the commissioners. Topics included whether the property owners had been informed directly and the notification process.

A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Everett and seconded by Commissioner Campbell recommending **APPROVAL** of code amendments as submitted by staff.

VOTE (Motion):

10 in favor (*Ash, Brown, Busteded, Campbell, Eck, Everett, Larsen, James, Pedersen, Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstention

Motion PASSED

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated February 10, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Maps Reflecting the Eight \(8\) County-Initiated Areawide Rezones](#)
- [Presentation dated February 28, 2023](#)



G. NEW BUSINESS

Before the first briefing, David Killingstad gave a brief kick-off presentation to give an overview of the briefing series that will be occurring over the next few months.

The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

2. Comprehensive Plan Update: Introduction and Vision: Briefing

Sarah Titcomb, Principal Planner, Sarah.Titcomb@snoco.org

The Planning Commission was briefed on the proposed repeal and replace of the Introduction to the 2024 Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”). The proposed Introduction to the Plan provides the statutory framework and requirements for the Plan, the background and context related to the development of the Plan, and it presents the new Vision Statement for the Plan. The newly proposed Vision Statement is: “We’re all in this together. In 2044 Snohomish County is a resilient, vibrant, and inclusive place to live with a high-quality of life where all residents can thrive.”

Following the briefing, the commissioners had some questions regarding the use of the terms “amendments” versus “repeal and replace” and whether there was any input from or about Tribal use.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Report dated March 10, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A - Introduction](#)
- [Presentation dated March 28, 2023](#)

3. Comprehensive Plan Update: Population and Employment Element: Briefing

Steve Toy, Principal Demographer, Steve.Toy@snoco.org

The Planning Commission was briefed on proposed amendments to the Population and Employment Element of the 2024 Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed changes are intended to provide greater consistency between the county’s plan and the Regional Growth Strategy and growth allocation process called for in the PSRC’s VISION 2050 regional plan. The changes also establish areas of the county where growth is encouraged and discouraged over the next 20 years.

Following the briefing, commissioners had some questions regarding cities taking on more density and how they are setting up to those requirements and understanding the accuracy of the numbers and projections.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Report dated March 10, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Narrative](#)



- [Attachment B – Policy Summary Table](#)
- [Presentation dated March 28, 2023](#)

4. Comprehensive Plan Update: Economic Development Element: Briefing

Michael Saponaro, Senior Planner, Michael.Saponaro@snoco.org

The Planning Commission was briefed on proposed comprehensive plan amendments to the Snohomish County Economic Development element following: a recent policy implementation review by County staff; a recent update process for the Countywide Planning Policies; conversations with the County Executive Office, business interests, and the Snohomish County Arts Commission; and through public input after making the proposed amendments available online. The proposed amendments provide consistency with Countywide Planning Policies, Vision 2050 Multi-County Planning Policies, and other Comprehensive Plan policies, and provide more sensitive language choices.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Report dated March 8, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Draft Economic Development Element Narrative](#)
- [Attachment B – Economic Development Element Policy Summary Table](#)
- [Presentation dated March 28, 2023](#)

5. Comprehensive Plan Update: Interjurisdictional Coordination Element: Briefing

Michael Saponaro, Senior Planner, Michael.Saponaro@snoco.org

The Planning Commission was briefed on proposed comprehensive plan amendments to the Snohomish County Interjurisdictional Coordination element related to collaboration with other local jurisdictions on development regulations and interlocal agreements. The proposed amendments provide consistency with Countywide Planning Policies, Vision 2050 Multi-County Planning Policies, and other Comprehensive Plan policies, and provide more sensitive language choices.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Report dated March 8, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – GPP Interjurisdictional Coordination Narrative Updates](#)
- [Attachment B – Interjurisdictional Coordination Summary Table](#)
- [Presentation dated March 28, 2023](#)

H. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.



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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:

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Mark James, District 1	Neil Pedersen, District 4
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Raymond Sheldon, Jr., District 2	Leah Everett, District 5
Robert Larsen, District 3	Vacant, Executive Appointee
Christine Eck, District 3	

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

Mike McCrary, Commission Secretary	Taylor Twiford, Commission Clerk
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