



Snohomish County

Planning Commission

Planning and Development Services

3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #604, Everett, WA 98201

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REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 25, 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 5:32 p.m.

Of the eleven (11) currently appointed commissioners, nine (9) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members):

Commissioners Present

Merle Ash
Kimberly Busteed
Tom Campbell
Christine Eck
Robert Larsen
Neil Pedersen
Mark James
Ray Sheldon
Angie Sievers

Commissioners Absent

Rosanna Brown
Leah Everett

Mike McCrary, Planning and Development Services Director served as the Planning Commission Secretary for this meeting.

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Larsen introduced Angie Sievers as a new commissioner for the executive appointee. Commissioner Sievers has been a lifelong resident of Snohomish County and has served on many initiatives including education, small business, and housing affordability.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of [March 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

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Comprehensive Plan Update: Land Use Element: Briefing

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

Steve Skorney, Senior Planner, Steve.Skorney@snoco.org

Matthew Siddons, Senior Planner, Matthew.Siddons@snoco.org

The Planning Commission was briefed on proposed amendments to the Land Use Element of the 2024 Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”). The proposed Land Use Element to the Plan presents the Land Use Strategy for the County and there are proposed amendments to each urban, rural, and resource sub-element as well as a proposed new sub-element on equity. The proposed amendments will better align the Element with public input and help the Element stay in compliance with state, regional, and local regulations and guidance.

During and following the presentation, there were some questions from the commissioners regarding the equity subelement included in the plan.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated April 7, 2023](#)
- [Attachment A – Policy Table](#)
- [Attachment B – Narrative](#)
- [Attachment C - Narrative Findings](#)
- [Presentation dated April 25, 2023](#)

H. ADJOURN

Before the meeting adjourned there was some discussion about the request for Commissioners to have their cameras on. It is not a requirement for commissioners to leave their cameras on, but some felt it helped with a sense of engagement.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner James and seconded by Commissioner Eck.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.



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.

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Snohomish County Planning Commissioners:

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<i>Mark James, District 1</i>	<i>Neil Pedersen, District 4</i>
<i>Kimberly Busteed, District 2</i>	<i>Rosanna Brown, District 5</i>
<i>Raymond Sheldon, Jr., District 2</i>	<i>Leah Everett, District 5</i>
<i>Robert Larsen, District 3</i>	<i>Angie Sievers, Executive Appointee</i>
<i>Christine Eck, District 3</i>	

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

<i>Mike McCrary, Commission Secretary</i>	<i>Taylor Twiford, Commission Clerk</i>
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