



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
January 13, 2022**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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1 **Commissioner Bartel moved** to approve the meeting minutes from November 18,
2 2021.

3 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

4 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Jackson; Abstain- Maberry,**
5 **Moceri; (Ayes-4; Nays-0; Abstain-2). The motion carried.**

6 **Proposed Amendments to Whatcom County Code**

7 **Timestamp: 52:47**

8 Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services (PDS) Senior Planner, announced that
9 the County Council approved the Planning Commission's Shoreline Management Plan
10 (SMP) update recommendations. The SMP update has been forwarded on to the
11 Department of Ecology for their final review.

12 He announced that PDS and Public Works have jointly applied for a grant for a
13 compound flooding / sea level rise risk and vulnerability study. Meetings on this have
14 begun.

15 Mr. Strong introduced and discussed the proposed miscellaneous Code amendments to
16 Whatcom County Code titles 20 and 22. Mr. Strong and Amy Keenan, PDS Senior
17 Planner, answered commissioners' questions.

18 **a) Public Hearing and Regarding Proposed Amendments to Whatcom County**
19 **Code**

20 **Timestamp: 1:09:38**

21 There were no attendees at the public hearing.

22 **b) Work Session: Proposed Amendments to Whatcom County Code**

23 **Timestamp: 1:10:15**

24 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to adopt the proposed changes along with the
25 associated findings of fact.

26 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

27 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Jackson, Maberry, Moceri;**
28 **(Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

29 **Adjournment**


30 The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

31 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

32 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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34 Kelvin Barton, Chair



Tammy Axlund, Secretary



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1 **Call to Order**

2 The virtual meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission
3 Chair, Kelvin Barton at 6:34 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Robert Bartel, Kelvin Barton, Atul Deshmane, Stephen Jackson, Dominic
6 Mocerri, Jon Maberry

7 **Absent:** Jim Hansen, Kimberley Lund

8 **Staff Present:** Cliff Strong, Mark Personius, Steve Roberge, Amy Keenan, and
9 Tammy Axlund

10 **Department Update**

11 Mark Personius, Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), introduced PDS
12 Assistant Director, Steve Roberge, and provided information regarding Mr. Roberge's
13 experience. He then provided updates on the legislative items before Council, briefly
14 outlined the Planning Commission schedule, noting that the January 27th meeting will
15 likely be cancelled because additional time is required for the Wireless Code
16 Amendments which were scheduled for that date. In the near future, Steve will be
17 taking over for Mark at the Planning Commission meetings.

18 Terms on the Planning Commission are ending for Natalie McClendon and Jon Maberry.
19 Director Personius thanked the departing commissioners for their time, efforts, and
20 diligence. A certificate of appreciation has been mailed to each of them.

21 **Commissioner Comments**

22 Commissioners communicated their appreciation for the service of Commissioner
23 McClendon and Commissioner Maberry. They, in turn, expressed their thanks.

24 **Timestamp: 31:25**

25 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to propose the following resolution of appreciation
26 for Commissioner McClendon: *The Whatcom County Planning Commission would like to*
27 *express its appreciation for Natalie McClendon and her many years of service to the*
28 *community and in particular to the Planning Commission. Natalie exemplifies informed*
29 *public participation and respect for her colleagues in the community. We appreciate*
30 *you, Natalie.*

31 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

32 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Jackson, Maberry, Mocerri;**
33 **(Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

34 **Open Session Public Comment**

35 Natalie McClendon provided public comment.

36 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

37 **Timestamp: 41:41**