



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
March 10, 2022**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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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 6:31 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Robert Bartel, Kelvin Barton, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Stephen Jackson,
6 Julie Jefferson, Dominic Mocerri, Scott Van Dalen

7 **Absent:** Kimberley Lund

8 **Staff Present:** Matt Aamot, Steve Roberge, and Tammy Axlund

9 **Department Update**

10 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS),
11 announced that starting on March 21st, the department will switch from being open by
12 appointment only to a hybrid model with appointments two days a week and doors
13 fully open to the public three days a week.

14 County Council is currently testing a hybrid model of in-person and virtual attendance
15 for meetings. We will monitor this and determine the best course for future Planning
16 Commission meetings. The Council also passed a new docket with five new items for
17 us for 2022. These are listed on the Council web page and will likely be brought before
18 Planning Commission over the next year. We are happy to provide a link to the
19 approved docket items if Commissioners would like to review them.

20 Mr. Roberge, provided a brief overview of agenda items scheduled for the next few
21 meetings, including a reminder to sign up for the Short Course in Local Planning on
22 April 28th. The registration link is:

23 [https://wastatecommerce.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYocugppzopG9MT-
24 ONVyvQkhXncu8VJOBca](https://wastatecommerce.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYocugppzopG9MT-ONVyvQkhXncu8VJOBca)

25 **Open Session Public Comment**

26 There were no attendees wishing to provide public comment.

27 **Commissioner Comments**

28 Commissioner Deshmane stated that he arrived a couple of minutes late.

29 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

30 **Timestamp: 06:08**

31 **Commissioner Bartel moved** to approve the meeting minutes from February 24,
32 2022.

33 **Commissioner Jefferson seconded.**

34 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-** Mocerri, Van Dalen, Bartel, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson,
35 **Jefferson, Barton; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**



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1 **Countywide Planning Policy Amendments**

2 Timestamp: 07:31

3 Matt Aamot, PDS Senior Planner, provided some background information related to
4 Countywide Planning Policies, presented City County Planner Group recommendations,
5 and responded to commissioners' questions.

6 **a) Public Hearing and Regarding Countywide Planning Policy Amendments**

7 Timestamp: 26:04

8 There were no attendees to provide public comment.

9 **b) Countywide Planning Policy Amendments Work Session**

10 Timestamp: 27:43

11 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to approve the staff recommendation and Findings
12 of Fact.

13 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

14 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Van Dalen, Bartel, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson,**
15 **Jefferson, Mocerri, Barton; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

16 **Adjournment**


17 The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

18 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

19 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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21 Kelvin Barton, Chair


21 Tammy Axlund, Secretary