



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
January 26, 2023**

Regular Meeting

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission Chair,
3 Kelvin Barton at 6:32 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

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

7 **Absent:** Kimberley Lund

8 **Staff Present:** Steve Roberge and Tammy Axlund

9 **Department Update**

10 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS),
11 outlined the schedule of upcoming agenda items for the Planning Commission. Our
12 next meeting is the annual business meeting where we will review the Business Rules.
13 The following meeting, we will discuss Wind Energy Systems,

14 **Open Session Public Comment**

15 There was no public comment.

16 **Commissioner Comments**

17 The Chair announced that this will be Commissioner Bartel's last meeting as a member
18 of the Planning Commission, and shared his appreciation for Rob and the work he's
19 done.

20 Mr. Roberge presented Commissioner Bartel with a certificate of appreciation and
21 thanked him for his service the community during his time on the Planning
22 Commission.

23 Various Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Commissioner Bartel's
24 contributions to the Planning Commission. He expressed his thanks.

25 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

26 **Timestamp:**

27 **Commissioner Bartel moved** to approve the meeting minutes from December 8,
28 2022.

29 **Commissioner Mocerì seconded.**

30 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Hansen, Jefferson, Mocerì, Van Dalen;**
31 **Abstain-Deshmane, Jackson (Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstain-2). The motion carried.**

32 **GMA Overview & Comprehensive Plan Update Process**

33 **Timestamp:**

34 Lexine Long, Senior Planner, Growth Management Services, Washington Department of
35 Commerce provided a presentation outlining some of the underlying basics and the
36 most important elements of the periodic update process. She discussed the Growth



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1 Management Act roles and responsibilities in local planning, the comprehensive plan,
2 the periodic update process, new housing element requirements, and then responded
3 to Commissioner's questions. A pdf of the presentation is attached and includes links to
4 resources.

5 Mr. Roberge, described a general timeline of process.

6 Commissioners Hanson and Deshmane requested a flow chart or Gantt chart for the
7 Commission and for the community, so people will know early on at what stages to
8 engage if they want to help shape policies.

9 **Adjournment**

10 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

11 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

12 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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14 Kelvin Barton, Chair



Tammy Axlund, Secretary