



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
October 28, 2021**

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, Kimberley Lund,
6 Dominic Mocerri, Jon Maberry, Natalie McClendon

7 **Absent:** Stephen Jackson

8 **Staff Present:** Matt Aamot and Tammy Axlund

9 **Department Update**

10 Mark Personius, Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), was not
11 available to provide an update.

12 **Open Session Public Comment**

13 There was no public comment.

14 **Commissioner Comments**

15 Commissioner Lund announced that she is experiencing technical difficulties.

16 Commissioner Maberry disclosed that he spoke to Jeff Chalfant regarding the repeal of
17 the subarea plan.

18 Commissioner Deshmane apologized for missing the last 2 meetings.

19 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

20 **Timestamp: 6:07**

21 Commissioner Mocerri stated that he did not abstain as the minutes noted on the roll
22 call for the final motion (line 27 of page 2), he voted no.

23 **Commissioner Bartel moved** to approve the meeting minutes from October 14,
24 2021 as amended.

25 **Commissioner Mocerri seconded.**

26 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Hansen, Maberry, McClendon, Mocerri;**
27 **Abstain- Deshmane, Lund; (Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstain-2). The motion carried.**

28 **Draft Whatcom County Review and Evaluation Program Methodology**

29 **Timestamp: 9:46**

30 Matt Aamot, PDS Senior Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide
31 background information and an overview of the Buildable Lands Program Methodology.
32 He then responded to commissioner's questions.

33 **a) Public Hearing**

34 **Timestamp: 34:13**

35 Darcy Jones provided public comment.



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1 **b) Work Session**

2 Timestamp: 39:52

3 Commissioners continued to ask questions and Mr. Aamot responded.

4 **Repeal of Cherry Point Ferndale Subarea Plan**

5 Timestamp: 52:55

6 Mr. Aamot provided a PowerPoint presentation and gave background information on
7 the Cherry Point Ferndale Subarea Plan and the requirements of the Growth
8 Management Act. He noted that the 1981 subarea plan is outdated and described
9 inconsistencies between it and the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan.

10 Mr. Aamot invited and responded to commissioner questions and comments.

11 **a) Public Hearing**

12 Timestamp: 1:05:06

13 There were no attendees at the public hearing.

14 **b) Work Session**

15 Timestamp: 1:05:49

16 Commissioners continued discussion regarding the Repeal of the Cherry Point Ferndale
17 Subarea Plan. Mr. Aamot responded to questions.

18 Timestamp: 1:34:04

19 **Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Exhibit A: Whatcom County**
20 **Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Repeal Exhibit B: the Cherry Point Ferndale Subarea**
21 **Plan, and adopt the Findings of Fact.**

22 **Commissioner McClendon seconded.**

23 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, McClendon,**
24 **Moceri; Nays-Maberry; (Ayes-7; Nays-1; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

25 **Adjournment**

26 The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

27 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

28 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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30 Kelvin Barton, Chair

Handwritten signature of Tammy Axlund in blue ink.

Tammy Axlund, Secretary