



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
May 09, 2024**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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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 6:31 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Daniel Dahlquist, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Dominic
6 Mocerri, Scott Van Dalen

7 Frank James arrived at 6:55p

8 **Absent:** Stephen Jackson, Julie Jefferson

9 **Staff Present:** Steve Roberge, Aileen Kogut-Aguon, Matt Aamot

10 **Other Parties Present:** Rachelle Bradley, Consultant (SCJ Alliance) and Ted Kamp,
11 Consultant (Leland Consulting Group)

12 **Department Update**

13 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), stated
14 that the next meeting will be about the Heavy Industrial Impact Zone, Bellingham
15 UGA, and the docket.

16 **Open Session Public Comment**

17 Dave Widner provided a public comment.

18 **Commissioner Comments**

19 There was no commissioner comment

20 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

21 **Timestamp: 6:38p**

22 **1 Commissioner Hansen moved** to approve the meeting minutes from April 25th,
23 2024.

24 **Commissioner Dahlquist seconded.**

25 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Dahlquist, Hansen, Barton, Deshmane**

26 **Abstain- Van Dalen, Mocerri**

27 **(Ayes-4; Nays-0; Abstain-2). The motion carried.**

28 **Public Participation Plan**

29 **Timestamp: 6:40p**

30 Matt Aamot, PDS Planner, provided background information on the Growth
31 Management Act (GMA). The GMA requires Whatcom County to review and revise its
32 comprehensive plan and development regulations by December 31st, 2025 to include a
33 public participation plan as part of the update. Mr. Aamot stated that a draft public
34 participation plan has been developed with the assistance of the County's consultant,
35 SCJ Alliance, to guide community engagement efforts throughout this process to
36 ensure early and continuous involvement within the comp plan update.

