

Eastsound Planning Review Committee

Minutes of January 8, 2026

Meeting opened at 3:08

In Attendance: Jason Bradshaw, April Duke, Mia Kartinger, Bob Eagan, Bob Connell, County Commissioner Justin Paulsen

online Morgan Meadows, Sophia Cassam, Darcie Nielsen, Bill Singer (OPAL rep)

Absent: Cindy Wolf

Agenda modification: need to elect the officer for the year

December 2025 meeting minutes approved without correction

Public Comment:

Today's meeting was hard to find on the county website. The date was changed because of New Years on the normal meeting day. The county website is difficult to find things like minutes, agendas, etc.

Sophia showed on the website: committees, agendas and minutes, calendars – shows the agenda and Morgan Meadows clarified the best way to get to the information

Sofia will email April the right directions to access the committee's information

Question about our regular meeting location going forward. Library is available until April, Mia mentioned that the Port Office would be available.

SJ County is discussing with Orcas Parks and Recreation the takeover of the management of the Eastsound Village Green. SJ County is having budget problems and has less staff. Currently the park is maintained by county maintenance staff – bathrooms, lawn, etc.

Election of Officers for 2026 – Nominated and unanimously voted

Chairperson – Jason Bradshaw

Vice Chair- Mia Kartinger

Secretary – April Duke

Annual report:

Per the new county template, Jason was able to put together our report for 2025.

Vote was unanimous to approve the report with a couple of typo corrections

We need to put together a work plan for 2026- how big of a reach should the EPRC have on Orcas (more area, more possible volunteers to participate), need to discuss parking, can we approach the school again for summer parking availability, lighting plan, subarea plan update, code amendments update, look at historical work done for these issues and try to bring them back to the attention.

Sophia -Two Planning Commissioners are needed from Orcas Island – Charles Troxey has been recommended, and Jason will reach out to him.

Sofia will reach out to the Chamber of Commerce to have them advertise need for members to the EPRC and the Planning Commission

Morgan Meadows asked if we could have a working groups to get projects done more efficiently – Yes, if no quorum.

Mia said the Port has 2 committee members plus a member of the public in a working group

Permits:

BUILD-25-0325/ TPN 2711501000 Residential addition. 1 bed/1 bath

No Comment from the EPRC

BUILD-25-0333/TPN 27114203000 Runway, Taxiway and Apron Pavement Rehab at the Eastsound Airport

No Comment from EPRC

From Darcie Nielsen – Granite Construction will have 6 weeks to get the port, school and other projects done without getting a special permit

LANDUSE-25-0034/TPN 271412006000 Conditional Use Permit for Orcas Food Bank at OPAL Pea Patch site

Goal is to combine the Resource Center and the Food Bank in new location.

Food bank building is smaller than originally planned due to costs and impact on the neighborhood – similar size and form to the Funhouse

No Comment from the EPRC except for any changes to be buildings to be followed through with the utilities

County Council update from Commissioner Paulsen:

The County Council has approved the comp plan – target is March 13th for implementation. The ordinance is available on the county website under “adopted ordinances”. The new plan will not be on the website until it is due to be implemented.

In the new plan -expansion area “C” was taken off the table, the math did not work and would have really impacted transportation issues

New 3-way stop is intended for Enchanted Forest Rd/North Beach Rd intersection with a cross walk from the Apri’s Grove to the other side of North Beach and a new unified path.

County Council is meeting next Monday – first meeting of the year. Because of budget cuts they will be triaging the code work for the coming year. For example: Housing? Development? Coordinating the land use tables?

He would like to ask for a unified Orcas Island Planning Review Committee

Sophia – doesn’t make sense that all of Orcas Island permits need to be brought before the committee

The larger review committee would most likely be limited to Sub Areas on the island and commercial projects

Code enforcement for unpermitted junkyards – now that the county has a code enforcement officer there’s a chance for more progress BUT there is no money to clean up a hazard again. No remediation fund available. Legal expenses are big.

Orcas Landing car tow away – about \$2000-2500 per car. Legal steps add about \$1500-2000

Agenda items for February meeting:

Prepare our 2026 work plan report for the County Council

Darcie will be our point of contact for the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm

