



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes May 20, 2021

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1. **7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Simmons called the May 20, 2021 meeting of the Special Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Thurston County Commissioners Doug Karman, Scott Nelson, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons, Ed Fleisher, Raul deLeon, Donna Nickerson and Don DeHan. Tumwater Planning Commissioners: Elizabeth Robbins, Nam Duc Nguyen, Terry Kirkpatrick, and Meghan Sullivan and Michael Tobias

Absent: Tumwater: Nathan Peters, Joel Hansen, Doty Catlin, and Angela Jefferson

Staff: Thurston County: Maya Teeple, Leah Davis, Tumwater: Brad Medrud

2. **7:00 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Karman seconded. Motion carried.

3. **7:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)**

None given

7:00 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the March 31, 2021 minutes. Commissioner DeHan seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes. Commissioner DeHan seconded. Motion carried.

The official audio is available on line at:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

4. **7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: TUMWATER UGA JOINT PLAN**

(Staff Thurston County: Leah Davis; Tumwater: Brad Medrud)

Chair Simmons opened the public hearing and gave instructions to the public to testify.

The following people provided oral testimony:

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4 **Chair Simmons closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.**
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6 Mr. Medrud gave background information on the Tumwater UGA Joint. No public
7 comments were received. There were questions by the Planning Commission which Mr.
8 Medrud and Ms. Davis answered. A discussion ensued around the proposed motion and
9 concerns for Thurston County adopting a section of the proposed plan recommending
10 amendments to the Thurston County Code. It was agreed that each Planning Commission
11 would make their own motion, instead of one motion combined. Both recommendations
12 will be presented to the Tumwater City Council and both will be included in their
13 discussions. Their recommendation will then be forwarded to the Board of County
14 Commissioners.
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16 For Thurston County, Chair Simmons read a draft motion to amend the Tumwater Joint
17 Plan, including six separate land use and zoning amendments and to approve
18 amendments to the Thurston County Code, Titles 20 and 22 to amend regulations to the
19 Airport Hazard Overlay in the rural county and the Tumwater Urban Growth Area, and
20 to repeal Chapter 22.21 – ‘Commercial Development’ and Chapter 22.28 – ‘Business
21 Park’.
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23 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to recommend approval of the draft**
24 **motion as read by Chair Simmons, Commissioner Fleisher seconded.**
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26 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to amend the motion as read by Chair**
27 **Simmons by striking section 11.1.6 “Recommended Amendments to the Thurston**
28 **County Code” . Commissioner Casino seconded. Motion to amend carried**
29 **unanimously.**
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31 **Chair Simmons called the vote and the motion to recommend approval, as amended,**
32 **carried unanimously.**
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34 For Tumwater, **MOTION: Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to recommend**
35 **approval of the Tumwater Joint Plan, including six separate land use and zoning**
36 **amendments. Further move to approve amendments to the Thurston County Code,**
37 **Titles 20 and 22 to amend regulations to the Airport Hazard Overlay in the rural**
38 **county and the Tumwater Urban Growth Area, and to repeal Chapter 22.21 –**
39 **‘Commercial Development’ and Chapter 22.28 – ‘Business Park’.** **Commissioner**
40 **Sullivan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
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42 **5. 8:10 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**
43 *(Staff: Maya Teeple)*
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45 Reminder for Thurston County Planning Commissioners we have two public hearings on
46 June 2nd for Wireless Code and Capital Improvement Minor Amendments.
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