



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes February 2, 2022

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2 **1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

3 Chair Casino called the February 2, 2022 meeting of the Thurston County Planning  
4 Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.  
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6 **Attendance:** Commissioners Scott Nelson, Jim Simmons, Doug Karman, Eric Casino,  
7 Kevin Pestinger, Barry Halverson, Joel Hansen and Helen Wheatley  
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9 **Absent:** none  
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11 **Staff:** Christina Chaput, Andrew Deffobis, Kaitlynn Nelson  
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13 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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15 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**  
16 **Nelson seconded. Motion carried, as amended.**  
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18 Add agenda item to consider modifications to meeting agendas going forward.  
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20 **3. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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22 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the January 19, 2022 meeting**  
23 **minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.**  
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25 The official audio is available on line at:

26 [http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning\\_commission/planning\\_comm\\_minutes.h](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)  
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29 **4. 6:35 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**  
30 **public hearings have been held.)**  
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34 **5. 6:40 P.M. CPED DIRECTOR JOSHUA CUMMINGS INTRODUCTION**  
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36 Director Cummings thanked the Planning Commission for their ongoing service and hard  
37 work reading and studying the information staff brings to each meeting. As the first filter  
38 of information to enable a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)  
39 the time and effort is appreciated. As always, civil dialogue is expected and if ever citizens  
40 or Commissioners feel that is lacking, feel free to reach out with concerns. There will be a  
41 new Boards & Commissions handbook coming from the BoCC office and will be shared  
42 in the near future.  
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2 It was clarified that the BoCC sets the work plan for staff and if Planning Commission has  
3 a request of staff to explore it would go to the Board for consideration. There are some  
4 open positions which are in the process of being filled at this time and also the Board  
5 approved new funding for 2 new positions: an Ag program manager and a .5 FTE to work  
6 on climate change code updates, both of which will have topics to be presented to the  
7 Planning Commission.  
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9 **6. 6:50 P.M. WORK SESSION: A-19 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION**  
10 *(Staff: Kaitlynn Nelson)*  
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12 Ms. Nelson shared background information on the Wireless Code Update and the work that  
13 has been done in 2021 through the Planning Commission. She also gave an overview of  
14 the how the Wireless Stakeholder Sub-Committee was formed at the request of the  
15 Planning Commission and approved by the BoCC. At the next meeting she will provide  
16 the outcomes of that sub-committee as well as inviting the citizens and wireless  
17 representatives who participated to present 5 minutes on their requested changes to the  
18 draft. There wasn't a consensus by the committee members but general options will be  
19 brought forward for consideration. There was also feedback provided during these  
20 meetings which was outside of the county's legal authority to change and that will not be  
21 brought forward for discussion.  
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23 To answer the public comment tonight of requesting another public hearing on this topic,  
24 if the Planning Commission so chooses to make substantial and significant changes to the  
25 draft based on the recommendations of the subcommittee, they could request to hold  
26 another public hearing. However, this topic will have another public hearing when it  
27 reaches the BoCC briefing which will be scheduled once the Planning Commission  
28 forwards their recommendation.  
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30 **7. 7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION: HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN**  
31 *(Staff: Christina Chaput)*  
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33 Ms. Chaput presented a Power Point on the Habitat Conservation Plan's ordinance  
34 development in hopes of generating and receiving questions from the Planning  
35 Commission. The HCP ordinance is Development Code Docket item # A-8 and will create  
36 a new county code, Chapter 17.40 and also update existing Chapter 24.25. It does not open  
37 up the actual HCP draft for any changes. She stated USFWS is still reviewing the  
38 document and its expected that the EIS is published by the end of March, and the ITP could  
39 be issued as soon as mid-April. There was questions and comments by the Planning  
40 Commission which Ms. Chaput answered. A discussion ensued.  
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42 The HCP Implementation Team topic found in draft Ch. 17.40.110 was then discussed.  
43 Ms. Chaput gave additional information of what tasks this team would deliver, who would  
44 be members, and expectations of guidance into the future. She will ensure all PC has a  
45 copy of this chapter to review.  
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48 **8. 7:40 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

1 (Staff: Andrew Deffobis)  
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3 Mr. Deffobis shared a Power Point continuing the topic of designations of several shoreline  
4 reaches and the request to determine if some should change designations based on the  
5 criteria. He also gave the Planning Commisison a memo with background information for  
6 new members and a reminder of what has been reviewed on this and other SMP topics in  
7 the past.  
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9 Presented first was the Budd Inlet (Zangle Cove) map. It is currently designated primarily  
10 as Rural and has some citizen feedback requesting it changed to shoreline residential. The  
11 designation criteria was then discussed. He also presented the map showing the topography  
12 of the area. A discussion ensued.  
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14 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to change Reach 16 to Reach 17 Shoreline**  
15 **Residential. Commissioner Halverson seconded. Motion Carried with 5 vays, and 3**  
16 **nays.**  
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18 Mr. Deffobis reminded the Planning Commission they can submit a Minority Report to the  
19 Board of County Commissioners as well.  
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21 Next Long Lake Carpenter’s Park was discussed. It is currently designated as Rural and  
22 proposed to change to Shoreline Residential. It has some citizen feedback requesting it to  
23 either rural conservancy or natural. This parcel does have a compliance matter associated  
24 with it but the discussion tonight will be around the existing conditions before that  
25 happened.  
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27 **MOTION: Commissioner Wheatley moved to change LLO 04-05 to Rural**  
28 **Conservancy and to separate this parcel to make its own Reach. Additionally staff**  
29 **will notify the owner of this proposed change. Commissioner Nelson seconded.**  
30 **Motion Carried with 7 vays, and 1 obstained vote.**  
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32 **9. [8:47 P.M. STAFF UPDATES](#)**

33 (Staff: Christina Chaput)  
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35 Ms. Chaput shared the Board of County Commissioners have open the public comment  
36 period for the Development Code Docket and Comp Plan Docket amendment items. It will  
37 close on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.  
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39 **10. [8:47 P.M. CALENDAR](#)**  
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41 February 16, 2022: All plan on attending.

42 March 2, 2022: All plan on attending.  
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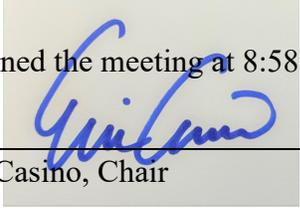
44 **11. [8:48 P.M. PROPOSED CHANGES FOR UPCOMING AGENDAS](#)**  
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46 Commissioner Wheatley proposed changing the meeting agendas going forward to include  
47 buckets of “new business” and “other business” as stated in the Rules and Procedures. Also  
48 suggested was adding a description with each agenda item to ensure the public knows what

1 the expected topic will entail. A discussion ensued. Staff confirmed we can make those  
2 changes as requested. Chair Casino also committed to asking before each adjournment if  
3 there is any other business for the good of the order to allow for suggestions or comments  
4 to staff for the next meeting.  
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6 **12. [8:58 P.M. ADJOURN](#)**

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8 With there being no further business, Chair Casino adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.  
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12 Eric Casino, Chair

12 Prepared by Polly Stoker