



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes March 31, 2021

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**1. 6:35 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Simmons called the March 31, 2021 meeting of the Special Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Thurston County Commissioners Doug Karman, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons, Ed Fleisher, Donna Nickerson and Don DeHan. Tumwater Planning Commissioners Elizabeth Robbins, Michael Tobias, Nam Duc Nguyen, Nathan Peters, Joel Hansen

**Absent:** Thurston County Commissioners Scott Nelson, Raul deLeon, Tumwater: Terry Kirkpatrick, Meghan Sullivan, Angela Jefferson, Doty Catlin

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

**2. 6:35 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)**

- 1. Charlotte Persons
- 2. Christy White, Olympia, WA

**3. 6:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: TUMWATER UGA JOINT PLAN**

*(Staff Thurston County: Maya Teeple, Leah Davis; Tumwater: Brad Medrud)*

Mr. Medrud started the work session by offering Tumwater’s contact information to address the questions posed tonight by the citizens. He presented a Power Point to review the update to the Joint Plan which is the document that covers the unincorporated portion of the urban growth area in the city of Tumwater which is under the regulations of Thurston County, which may be annexed into the city in the future. He provided past information and maps showing the changes that have occurred, a summary of the proposed update to the Joint Plan, and discuss implementation measures and next steps in the process. The Joint Plan is a component of the Comp Plan for the city and county to help guide the future growth of this area. It was first adopted 25 years ago, and there have been amendments along the way, and now we want to align the changes that have been made in both Tumwater’s and Thurston County’s Comprehensive Plans. There was questions and comments by the Planning Commissions which Mr. Medrud and Ms. Davis answered.

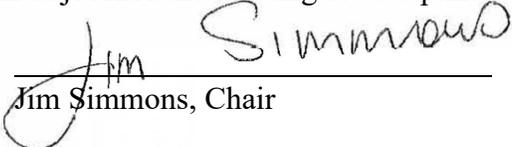
Next steps in the process will be a follow up joint work session on this topic in the next month, and then hold a joint public hearing thereafter. The goal is to have a final draft presented to the Tumwater City Council by June in hopes they will have a recommendation by mid-summer to be given to the Board of County Commissioners.

1 Thurston County Commissioners requested a follow up work session at their next regular  
2 meeting as well.

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4. 7:50 P.M. ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Chair Simmons adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Jim Simmons, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker