



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes June 16, 2021

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

Chair Simmons called the June 16, 2021 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Commissioners Scott Nelson, Don DeHan, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons, Ed Fleisher, Doug Karman, Donna Nickerson, new Commissioner Kevin Pestinger

Absent: Raul deLeon

Staff: Jennifer Davis and Andrew Deffobis

New Commissioner Kevin Pestinger introduced himself and gave background on his Thurston County experience including volunteering.

2. **6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. 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

3. **6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)**

1. John Woodford, Olympia, WA
2. John Newman, Olympia, WA
3. Lisa Riner, Olympia, WA
4. Christy White, Olympia, WA
5. Jon Pettit, Olympia, WA

4. **6:50 P.M. WORK SESSION: PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION PROCESS**

(Staff: Jennifer Davis)

Ms. Davis gave background on the current process for Planning Commission recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning Commission then discussed if they wanted changes made in the process. Staff noted that discussions around recommendations needed to be done in an open public meeting. The more that is discussed in the meeting around the findings as well as doing a roll call for the vote will help the recommendation reflect PC intent and desire to share with the BoCC. A

1 discussion ensued. There were concerns the Planning Commission expressed around
2 other items related to their recommendation letters and attending BoCC meetings, which
3 staff addressed as well, reiterating processes and procedures which are in place. It was
4 requested that staff notify the Planning Commission when items they've deliberated on are
5 briefed to the BOCC. Staff will make their best effort to do this, and also reminded the
6 Commissioners that the Master Calendar for Board meetings can be found online as well.
7 In closing, the Planning Commission decided to keep the same process as what is now
8 being followed, but adding in a step to circulate the final letter to all of the Planning
9 Commission when it is submitted to the BoCC.

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11 **5. 7:20 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

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13 Mr. Deffobis gave background information on where Planning Commission left off from
14 the last meeting around Commissioner Karman's comment letter on shoreline stabilization
15 and policies on lake water quality. As a reminder, staff is hoping to receive more feedback
16 on specific changes to the text or additional options the Planning Commission would like
17 to see included in the final draft SMP for the open house. As requested at the last meeting,
18 the draft was changed to remove the requirement for a geotechnical report for replacement
19 of shoreline stabilization structures since state law does not require it. Also, staff made a
20 note to facilitate further conservation around shoreline stabilization allowances for
21 appurtenant structures and uses.

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23 Regarding the postcard for notifications, it has been amended and direct notification will
24 happen to those most affected. Part of the public outreach plan will be the interactive map
25 which is a tool for citizens to check and see if their properties are affected. Staff is not
26 planning on bringing back the shorelines designations as a whole for discussion in a
27 meeting setting but will bring specific requests when and if they are received after the
28 public hearing, as we did before. At the next meeting the plan is to bring back the
29 appendices and wrap up any remaining policy issues.

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31 **6. 8:20 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

32 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*

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34 The Board received the PC recommendation letter for CIP amendment and discussed the
35 item on June 3 and June 8 where they set a public hearing scheduled for June 22 at 3pm.
36 All information around the CIP amendment continues to be posted on the project page at
37 www.thurstonplanning.org and if you are interested in speaking at the public hearing, the
38 link is on Board's website.

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40 The Planning Commission's recommendation letter asking the Board to create a Wireless
41 code update citizen group will be delivered to the Board tomorrow in preparation of their
42 briefing scheduled for June 23 at 2:00pm. To confirm, staff doesn't have a
43 recommendation either way on this topic. As a reminder, how to attend any meeting
44 instructions for the BoCC meetings is on their website. They have started back in person
45 but continue to use Zoom as well.

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47 Commissioner Karman asked about the PC website now asking for email addresses to
48 obtain information. Staff confirmed this was a glitch and has been fixed. It should not

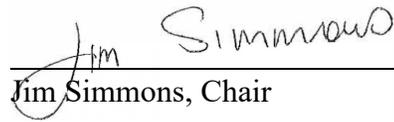
1 have been asking for any emails or personal info. Also asked was about Planning
2 Commission going back to in person meetings to which staff is looking into that answer.
3 At the county, it has not been discussed yet as we have been waiting for the Governor's
4 direction. We do have one room where we could potentially do in-person but still use
5 ZOOM as well. More details to come as we receive it.

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7 **7. [8:27 P.M.](#) CALENDAR**

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9 July 7, 2021: All plan on attending
10 July 21, 2021: All plan on attending

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12 **8. [8:27 P.M.](#) ADJOURN**

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14 With there being no further business, Chair Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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18 Jim Simmons, Chair

18 Prepared by Polly Stoker