WELCOME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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Today's Presentation



Introduction to the Planning Commission (PC)



How to use the PC Binder



Background



10-person commission made up of volunteers



1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:30PM



Reviews land use and environmental policies as assigned by the BoCC



Provide recommendations on docketed items to the BoCC



Roles of a Commissioner

LISTEN TO AND SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT ON LAND USE MATTERS

REPRESENT AND INTERPRET COMMUNITY NEEDS AND OPINIONS

PREPARE FOR MEETINGS BY REVIEWING THE AGENDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE DISCUSSED

LISTEN TO STAFF ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC INPUT TO DRAFT AN ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOCC

REFLECT THE CONSENSUS OF A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS

REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SUGGEST CHANGES COLLECTIVELY, RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALLY

BRING ANY RELEVANT QUESTIONS OR IDEAS TO WORK SESSIONS

PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF, BUT NOT DIRECT STAFF DUTIES

The Planning Process



- Proposals accepted from community and staff on a rolling basis
- Board enacts the public process and adopts final docket
- Staff review docket item, engage community and draft documents
- Planning
 Commission hears
 public comment and
 gives
 recommendation
- The item moves to the BoCC for additional public review and final decision



2023 PC Successes

Recommendations reached on:

- Grand Mound
- Pogue Rezone Requests
- Yelm Joint Plan
- Lacey Joint Plan
- Olympia Joint Plan
- Wireless Code
- Agricultural CAO
- Code Clarifications and Corrections
- Forest Lands Conversion
- Long-Term Agriculture Zoning and Code Updates
- Capital Improvement Plan

Preliminary 2024 Schedule

Summer Early 2024 to Spring Fall Winter Comprehensive Onboarding Comprehensive Comprehensive **Plan Chapters** Preview Nisqually **Plan Chapters** Plan Citizen-Initiated Subarea Plan & Subarea Plan & Continuing Rezones **Joint Code Updates Joint Code Updates** Education Comprehensive Plan Chapters



Meet the Commission Activity

- Each member should have marked a special location on the County map when they came in
- One commissioner at a time, introduce yourself, tell us your reason for joining the commission, and share your story for what that location means to you

Meet the Staff

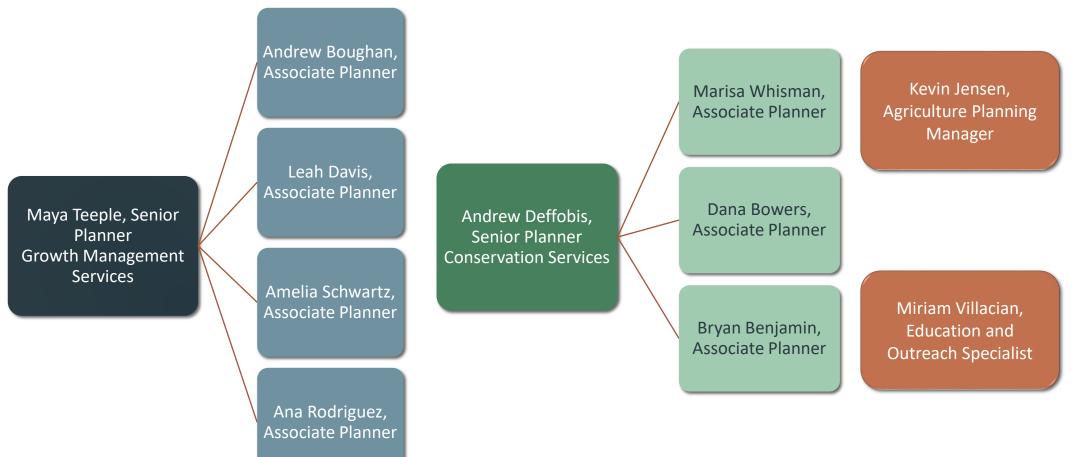
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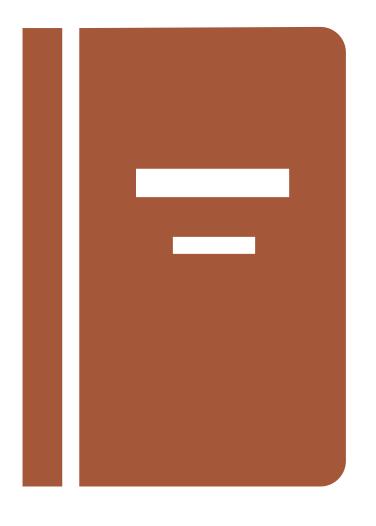
> Joshua Cummings, Director of CPED

> > Ashley Arai, Planning Manager



Meet the Staff





The Binder

- The PC binder is a new resource for commissioners
- Reference the binder for basics on the Planning Commission, making motions, commission rules, Comprehensive Plan chapters, and more
- Binders will be stored at the County, but resources are available online

Binder Contents

MEETING MINUTES AND MATERIALS INTRODUCTION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION **RULES OF PROCEDURE CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS HANDBOOK ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER PLANNING DOCUMENTS GUIDE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPTERS**



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Thank You!