



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes January 5, 2022

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

Chair Simmons called the January 5, 2022 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Commissioners Scott Nelson, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons, Doug Karman, Don DeHan and Kevin Pestinger

Absent: none

Staff: Christina Chaput and Andrew Deffobis

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

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

3. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Casino 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. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)

1. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia
2. Patrick Townsend, Olympia

The question was asked about vacancies on Planning Commission and Ms. Chaput stated she would provide an update during staff updates. Since we are not voting on anything at today's meeting we are still ok to meet.

5. 6:38 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)

Mr. Deffobis began by answering the question brought up during Public Communications regarding the draft SMP on the website. Since the public hearing the Planning Commission has been working through the options to include in the SMP based on the written and public comments received. He committed to adding this information to the SMP website to make

1 sure the public knows the most current published version from the Public Hearing is the
2 one online currently but that when these deliberations are complete, the final draft will be
3 uploaded at that time.
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5 Mr. Deffobis began the review of the SMP comments received by the Planning
6 Commission to learn which ones the body would like to explore, discuss and change in the
7 draft. Discussion ensued and the Commission provided guidance on several topics. There
8 was additional discussion of the SMP and its relationship to the Critical Area Ordinance,
9 and when each applies. Some areas are regulated by the SMP and critical area standards,
10 such as lake fringe wetlands. There were questions and comments discussed per page and
11 decisions were made which Mr. Deffobis took note of, including adding definitions, policy
12 language, clarifications, and other items. Mr. Deffobis will research and return with
13 information on some items, including standards for hazard trees, stormwater, and mooring
14 structures.
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16 **6. 8:06 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

17 *(Staff: Christina Chaput)*
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19 Ms. Chaput shared the Planning Commission meetings will stay virtual for now due to the
20 Omicron variant per the Thurston County Health Officer's suggestion to limit in person
21 meetings.
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23 The Preliminary Development Code and Comp Plan docket will be briefed to the Board of
24 County Commissioners on January 12th in hopes they will set a public hearing to gain the
25 perspective of the citizens on the various amendments. The Board will make decisions and
26 prioritize the Docket by the end of March, creating a new 2-year work plan for Long Range
27 Planning.
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29 Volunteers were solicited to do the Planning Commission Election polling for 2022
30 Officers. Commissioners Karman and Nelson volunteered with a goal of bringing back the
31 results by the January 19th meeting.
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33 Lastly, the Planning Commission vacancies were discussed and the announcement Raul
34 deLeon resigned from the Planning Commission at the end of the year. Also,
35 Commissioner DeHan's reappointment application was submitted to the Board office back
36 in November and Ms. Chaput will check on the status of that reappointment.
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38 The vacancies within Long Range Planning are in the process of being filled as well. The
39 Planning Manager should be complete by the end of February. Mr. Deffobis' interim
40 position will continue until other Senior Planners have returned to work. One of the
41 Associate Planner recruitments just closed so a review of candidates will begin shortly.
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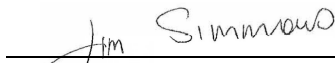
43 **7. 8:20 P.M. CALENDAR**

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45 January 19, 2022: All plan on attending.
46 February 2, 2022: Commissioner Nelson may not attend.
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48 **8. 8:20 P.M. ADJOURN**

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With there being no further business, Chair Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Jim Simmons, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker