



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes January 9, 2019

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2 **1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**  
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4 First order of business was appointing a temporary chair for this meeting with the absence  
5 of a Chair for 2019 and the Vice Chair not in attendance tonight.  
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7 **MOTION: Commissioner Zuchowski nominated Jennifer Davis for temporary Chair**  
8 **for this meeting. Commission Simmons seconded. Motion carried.**  
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10 Commissioner Davis called the January 9, 2019 meeting of the Thurston County Planning  
11 Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.  
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13 **Attendance:** Commissioners Jennifer Davis, Scott Nelson, Tyle Zuchowski, Jim  
14 Simmons, Donna Nickerson, Raul deLeon and welcome to our new Commissioner, Doug  
15 Karman.  
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17 **Absent:** Bill Jackson and Ed Fleisher  
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19 **Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Allison Osterberg, Ian Lefcourte  
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21 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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23 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**  
24 **Zuchowski seconded. Motion carried.**  
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26 **3. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**  
27 **public hearings have been held.)**  
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- 29 1. Loretta Seppanen, Olympia, WA
- 30 2. John Woodford, Olympia, WA
- 31 3. Bill Zachmann, Olympia, WA
- 32 4. Christy White, Olympia, WA  
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34 Regarding the public comment on agriculture concerns, Commissioner Nickerson  
35 recommended as a useful tool, reading the study done for Thurston County on natural areas  
36 in 2012, which can be found on the Earth Economic website. A copy can be downloaded  
37 for free.  
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39 The official audio is available on line at:  
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41 [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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1 4. 6:42 P.M. ELECTIONS

2 Commissioner Davis asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee. The process  
3 will be to split the group in half and contact them to ask who would they like to nominate  
4 for Chair and Vice Chair. Also in the past, the Commissioners were asked how they feel  
5 the planning commission is doing and the nominating committee then comes back together  
6 and discusses the results. Commissioner Davis and Zuchowski volunteered to be the  
7 committee this year and will bring back the results at the first meeting in February to vote.  
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9 5. 6:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMP PLAN UPDATE- Chapter 8 Economic  
10 Development

11 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Ian Lefcourte)*  
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13 Ms. Osterberg gave a quick overview of the background for the Comprehensive Plan, and  
14 then introduced Ian Lefcourte, Associate Planner, who presented the Power Point and lead  
15 the work session tonight. Also introduced was Jason Robertson, a planning consultant who  
16 has worked with the County and Economic Development Council to update the Economic  
17 Development Chapter. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners  
18 primarily around adding more emphasis to Agriculture and Forestry in regards to Economic  
19 Development. It was felt stronger and more specific policies were needed. There were also  
20 questions around the statistics for gross regional product which Mr. Robertson addressed.  
21 A discussion ensued. In summary, Ms. Osterberg and Mr. Lefcourte will be bringing more  
22 information back to the Planning Commission on this chapter.  
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24 6. 7:37 P.M. STAFF UPDATES

25 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)*  
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27 We have partnered with Department of Commerce to host a Short Course on Planning on  
28 February 20, 2019 in Room 152 in place of the Planning Commission meeting. Please  
29 RSVP. It is not mandatory to attend, but the Open Public Meetings training is.  
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31 7. 7:38 P.M. CALENDAR:  
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33 January 16, 2019 - all can attend  
34 February 6, 2019 - Scott and Doug may not attend  
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36 8. 7:40 P.M. ADJOURN  
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38 With there being no further business, Commission Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:40  
39 p.m.  
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42 Jennifer Davis, Temporary Chair  
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