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

First order of business was appointing a temporary chair for this meeting with the absence of a Chair for 2019 and the Vice Chair not in attendance tonight.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Davis nominated Scott Nelson for temporary Chair for this meeting. Commission Zuchowski seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nelson called the January 16, 2019 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Commissioners Jennifer Davis, Scott Nelson, Tyle Zuchowski, Jim Simmons, Donna Nickerson, Raul deLeon and Doug Karman.

**Absent:** Bill Jackson and Ed Fleisher

**Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Allison Osterberg, Maya Teeple

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner deLeon moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Motion carried as amended.

After #2 agenda item “Public Communications”, add agenda item “Elections”.

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

1. Loretta Seppanen, Olympia, WA
2. Ann Van Sweringen, Olympia, WA
3. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia, WA
4. Ryan Ransavage, Puyallup, WA
5. Steve Hitzel, Yakima, WA
6. Christy White, Olympia, WA
7. Mark Hancock, Tukwila, WA
8. Sue Danver, Olympia, WA
9. Dave Lewis, Puyallup, WA
10. Jeff Herriford, Olympia, WA

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http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html
4. **7:00 P.M. ELECTIONS**

The Election Committee comprised of Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Zuchowski polled the Planning Commission by phone and it was recommended that Commissioner Nelson be nominated for Chair and Commissioner Simmons be nominated for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Davis moved to approve Commissioner Nelson as Chair, and Commissioner Simmons as Vice Chair. Commissioner Zuchowski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMP PLAN UPDATE- Chapter 3 Natural Resource Lands**

*(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Maya Teeple)*

Ms. Osterberg presented a Power Point on Chapter 3 Natural Resource Lands, stating there is a lot of information and options in this chapter and we can stop at any time to zero in on specific topics. Included in this chapter is information on long-term resource lands for forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, and mineral lands, all of which has received a lot of attention and feedback from the citizens of Thurston County. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Osterberg addressed. A discussion ensued. In summary, Ms. Osterberg will explore bringing more information on agriculture viability to a future meeting to continue this discussion, as well as any other expert speakers the Planning Commission requests. It was suggested to highlight in the data the language regarding small farms in regards to how many we have in Thurston County and how important they are economically and culturally.

Another section of this chapter is the Long Term Forestry designation which was requested by the Board of County Commissioners to be included in the scope of work of this update. Ms. Teeple presented a Power Point outlining the research and outreach done as well as options for the Planning Commission to consider. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Teeple addressed. A discussion ensued. The following was requested for next time: bring back at the next work session the option of changing the zoning to R 1/10 and/or R 1/20, in addition to the RRR 1/5 for all 7 properties discussed tonight. Another question to ask and consider is do these zoning changes make clean lines and do the lines make sense? Also requested was little more explanation of why we think it is ok to consider these changes parcel by parcel, which the state regulations prefer not be done.


*(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Maya Teeple)*

Ms. Osterberg reviewed where we left off with Mineral Lands in March 2018 when the Mineral Lands Scope options were determined. Now in 2019 the decision points for Planning Commission were discussed. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Osterberg and Ms. Teeple addressed. A discussion ensued Ms.
Teeple explained the specific changes proposed and the Planning Commission asked for further information or suggested changes regarding the following:
Noise Monitoring: staff will get additional information on the decimal noise levels mentioned in the WAC; consider having the notifications be electronic as well as snail mail; consider adding language around which came first as far as houses complaining about a pre-existing mine. Hydrogeological Report and Groundwater Monitoring: bring back comparable information from other jurisdictions on our proposed changes. Applicability: add a link to the NRCS map to the Comp Plan site to assist the general public with additional information. Designation Criteria and Application Requirements: remove the language throughout where “expansion of non-conforming” is mentioned if there will be no non-conforming sites. It was also requested to know how many acres we will be adding if we allow the entire parcel to be designated and also consider exploring other mechanisms to look at each proposed site specifically to make common judgements on permits to be allowed.

7. **8:55 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**
(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)

We have hired 2 new Associate Planner staff in Community Planning which will be introduced at a future meeting. Also a reminder of the Short Course on Planning training on February 20th at 6:15pm. When asked, the Planning Commissioners confirmed mailing packets are arriving on Monday before each meeting and that is too late in their opinion.

8. **8:55 P.M. CALENDAR:**

February 6, 2019 - Scott and Doug may not attend
February 20, 2019 Special Mtg -

9. **8:55 P.M. ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary