



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes February 3, 2021

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2 **1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

3 Chair Simmons called the February 3, 2021 meeting of the Thurston County Planning
4 Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.
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6 **Attendance:** Commissioners Scott Nelson, Doug Karman, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons,
7 Don Dehan, Ed Fleisher, Tyle Zuchowski, and Donna Nickerson
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9 **Absent:** Raul deLeon
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11 **Staff:** Jennifer Davis, Andrew Deffobis
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13 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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15 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**
16 **Karman seconded. Motion carried.**
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18 **3. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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20 **MOTION: Commissioner DeHan moved to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes.**
21 **Commissioner Karman seconded. Motion carried**
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23 The official audio is available on line at:

24 [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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27 **4. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
28 **public hearings have been held.)**

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30 1. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia
31 2. Barry Halverson, Olympia
32 3. John Woodford, Olympia
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34 **5. 6:42 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

35 (Staff: Andrew Deffobis)
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37 Mr. Deffobis started with a presentation on proposed Shoreline Environment
38 Designations for Reach LLA-8 on Lake Lawrence. There were also written comments
39 provided and posted to the website from landowners requesting the County reconsider its
40 proposal to designate this reach as Natural. The criteria for assigning SEDs were
41 reviewed alongside the characteristics of the reach. There were questions and comments
42 by the Planning Commission which Mr. Deffobis answered. A discussion ensued.
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1 **MOTION: Commissioner DeHan moved to change the proposed designation for**
2 **Reach LLA-8 from Natural to Rural Conservancy based on review of the shoreline**
3 **criteria. Commissioner Casino seconded. Motion carried with 7 yays and 1 nay.**
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5 Next Mr. Deffobis continued the review of Chapter 19.600 starting at the shoreline
6 permitting matrix in section 19.600.105. There were questions and comments from the
7 Planning Commission as the review ensued which Mr. Deffobis answered or noted on the
8 draft document to get further clarifications. Mr. Deffobis will run the scenarios of
9 proposed changing permit types by the current planners to ensure the practicality of
10 implementing the permits if the requested changes are made. Edits requested by the
11 Planning Commission were also noted.
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13 **6. [8:27 P.M. CALENDAR](#)**

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15 February 17, 2021: all plan on attending.
16 March 3, 2021: all plan on attending.
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18 **7. [8:30 P.M. STAFF UPDATES](#)**

19 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*
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21 Ms. Davis responded to the requests made from Planning Commission on suggestions for
22 improvement at the last meeting:

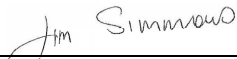
- 23 • County Email addresses for all is being looked at for options by the IT department
- 24 • The BoCC office does not have resumes or background information on members
25 on file. Feel free to create a bio and send to Polly and she will share with all of
26 Planning Commission.
- 27 • There will be no change to the current protocol regarding Planning Commission
28 members attending BoCC briefings or work sessions as a participant. The written
29 Planning Commission written recommendation will suffice for the Board, unless
30 staff and Planning Commission have differing recommendations; in that case the
31 Chair will be notified and may be asked to attend. Staff explained the process of
32 transmitting written recommendations to the Board. The Chair requested that
33 moving forward the draft recommendation letter be sent to the entire Planning
34 Commission, not just the Chair; he will facilitate review and make any needed
35 edits before signature and submittal.
- 36 • Last, the Planning Commission is required by law to review all comprehensive
37 plan and development code changes which means items like Capital Improvement
38 Program will continue to be reviewed through the public process of Planning
39 Commission.
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41 In two weeks, staff is briefing the BoCC on project status of items on the 2020-2021
42 dockets. . An updated work program will be brought to Planning Commission in March.
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1 **8. 8:40 P.M. ADJOURN**

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With there being no further business, Chair Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



Jim Simmons, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker