



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes February 6, 2019

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

Commissioner Nelson called the February 6, 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, Donna Nickerson, and Ed Fleisher

Absent: Jim Simmons, Doug Karman, and Raul deLeon

Staff: Allison Osterberg, Ian Lefcourte

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

MOTION: Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.

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

- 1. Glen Morgan, Olympia, WA
- 2. Loretta Seppanen, Olympia, WA
- 3. Bill Dockman, Olympia, WA
- 4. Liz Riner, Olympia, WA

The official audio is available on line at:
http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

4. 6:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: Comprehensive Plan Update- Major Educational Institution (MEI) Zoning Designation/Evergreen State College Land Use Amendment (Staff: Ian Lefcourte)

Mr. Lefcourte presented a Power Point on the Evergreen College Land Use amendment draft proposal options. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Mr. Lefcourte addressed. A discussion ensued. There was two Evergreen representatives in the audience who were also able to answer questions. The mention of the 20,000 square foot parcel size being allowed for this new designation was discussed at length, with the Planning Commission requesting some rewrite of this section, possibly using acres instead of square feet when describing minimum parcel sizes. They also requested more information about the actual campus sizes in the Puget Sound area as a comparison. Additionally it was requested to reformat the table of Special Uses currently in Chapter

1 20.54 of the Thurston County code to include a new legend with new designations so it can
2 be easily used for citizens to understand what is permitted on certain parcels.
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4 **MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved to go forward with Option A-2 only, once the**
5 **document is simplified and not so specific. Commissioner Fleisher seconded. Motion**
6 **carried unanimously.**
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9 **5. 7:20 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMP PLAN UPDATE Follow up**
10 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Ian Lefcourte)*
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12 As requested by the Planning Commission at a previous briefing, Mr. Lefcourte did more
13 research on “identifying significant views” from the draft Comp Plan Chapter 10
14 “Archeological and Historical Resources”. The Power Point presented comparisons to
15 other communities and gave examples of what was included in other jurisdictions Comp
16 Plans. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Mr. Lefcourte
17 addressed. A discussion ensued. Some feedback received on next steps was to bring
18 specific rural communities (not cities like Seattle) language in their comp plan to be
19 reviewed, and also examples of what we would be considering as a “view” in Thurston
20 County. The direction the Planning Commission gave previously would be to mention
21 “identify” only, instead of “identify and protect” but they would like to go back to review
22 the language presented in December before deciding if a change should be made now that
23 this additional information has been presented by staff.
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25 **6. 7:45 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**
26 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg)*
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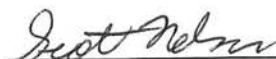
28 We received Bill Jackson’s resignation letter, so we will be recruiting a new member for
29 District One. Jeremy Davis has accepted the position of Operations Manager starting
30 February 19, 2019 so we will be recruiting for his Senior Planner position soon. Don’t
31 forget to RSVP for the Short Course on Planning training happening on February 20th.
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34 **7. 7:50 P.M. CALENDAR:**
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36 February 20, 2019 Special Mtg:
37 March 6, 2019: All plan on attending.
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41 **8. 7:50 P.M. ADJOURN**
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43 With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
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47 Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary