



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes March 4, 2020

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

3 Vice Chair Simmons called the March 4, 2020 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 Jim Simmons, Doug Karman, Donna Nickerson, Ed Fleisher,
7 Tyle Zuchowski, Eric Casino and Scott Nelson (arrived late).
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9 **Absent:** Raul deLeon, Don DeHan
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11 **Staff:** Jennifer Davis, Maya Teeple, Andrew Deffobis, Kaitlynn Nelson
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13 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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15 **MOTION: Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**
16 **Karman seconded. Motion carried.**
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18 **3. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
19 **public hearings have been held.)**

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23 **4. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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25 **MOTION: Commissioner Zuchowski moved to approve the Febuary 19, 2020**
26 **minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Fleisher seconded.**
27 **Motion carried.**
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29 The official audio is available on line at:

30 [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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33 **5. 6:30 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: PARKS**
34 **LEVEL OF SERVICE (CHAPTER 9) AND LONG TERM FORESTRY REVIEW**
35 **(CHAPTER 3)**

36 *(Staff: Maya Teeple, Kaitlynn Nelson)*
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38 Ms. Teeple gave a powerpoint presentation on the Parks Level of Service plan, Chapter 9,
39 which was part of the continuing items for the Comprehensive Plan work due to the
40 Public Works department's outreach and work around this topic. We are incorporating
41 their recommendations from the Parks, Open Space, and Trails Plan update. into the
42 Comp Plan. There were questions and comments by the Planning Commission which
43 Ms. Teeple addressed.

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2 Ms. Nelson then gave a powerpoint presentation on the Long Term Forestry review,
3 Chapter 3, also part of the continuing items for the Comprehensive Plan Update. The
4 properties selected by the county to be considered for removal from long term forestry
5 were discussed. There were questions and comments by the Planning Commission which
6 Ms. Nelson addressed. A discussion ensued. It was confirmed the Planning Commission
7 would like all properties to be part of the public hearing to ensure the owners have a way
8 to give feedback around their de-designation.
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10 **6. 6:55 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

11 *(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)*

12 Mr. Deffobis gave a powerpoint presentation reviewing the guideline WAC's included and
13 used to write the Shoreline Master Program draft document.
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15 There were questions and comments by the Planning Commission which Mr. Deffobis
16 addressed. A discussion ensued around Chapter 600 showing the comparisons to
17 requirements and guidance in state law. The different permits needed for shoreline changes
18 were also discussed and staff will report back on which ones need a public hearing as there
19 is latitude to not involve the hearing examiner in some types of permits. Up next, the
20 Planning Commission will be working through Chapter 600 language itself, and Mr.
21 Deffobis will also try to send out Chapter 700 to prepare for that chapter's review. He will
22 also continue to work on incorporating comments from the Department of Ecology into
23 Chapter 600.
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26 **7. 7:25 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

27 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*
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29 Ms. Davis shared the recommendation letter for A-16 Critical Area Determination is
30 ready to be signed tonight, and it includes the minority report. She updated the
31 Commission on comments received to date on the Preliminary Docket. Most have been
32 regarding Maytown property proposed land use amendment, but also on the Johnson
33 Smokehouse code update to allow for larger-sized smokehouses in the rural area. The
34 Board will have a work session in April to review all the public comments, and the
35 official docket should be approved by the end of that month. Community Planning is
36 currently holding interviews for 2 open associate planner positions which when filled,
37 will be working on the approved docket in the coming year. March 7th is the open house
38 at Rochester High School starting at 10am. There will be 3 topics: transportation study,
39 subarea plan and the proposed code change to allow prisons as a special use. With a
40 show of hands it was confirmed only 2 Planning Commissioners may attend so no need
41 to notice a special meeting.
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44 **8. 7:30 P.M. CALENDAR**

45 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*
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47 March 18, 2020: Commissioners Zuchowski and DeHan will be absent.

48 April 1, 2020: all plan on attending.

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9. [7:30 P.M.](#) ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Jennifer Davis, Planning Manager.