



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes March 20, 2019

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2 **1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**  
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4 Commissioner Nelson called the March 20, 2019 meeting of the Thurston County Planning  
5 Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.  
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7 **Attendance:** Commissioners Jennifer Davis, Scott Nelson, Tyle Zuchowski, Donna  
8 Nickerson, Doug Karman, Jim Simmons, Raul deLeon and Ed Fleisher  
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10 **Absent:** n/a  
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12 **Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Brad Murphy, Andrew Deffobis  
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14 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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16 **MOTION: Commissioner Zuchowski moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**  
17 **Simmons seconded. Motion carried.**  
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19 **3. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**  
20 **public hearings have been held.)**  
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- 22 1. Patrick Townsend, Olympia, WA
- 23 2. Ann Van Swearingen, Olympia, WA
- 24 3. Kathryn Townsend, Olympia, WA
- 25 4. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia, WA
- 26 5. John Woodford, Olympia, WA  
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28 **4. 6:45 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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30 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes**  
31 **and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Zuchowski seconded.**  
32 **Motion carried.**  
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34 The official audio is available on line at:

35 [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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38 **5. 6:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

39 *(Staff: Brad Murphy, Guest: Sarah Cassal, Dept of Ecology)*  
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41 Mr. Murphy presented a review of the Shoreline Master Program strike-thru chapters  
42 19.100 and 19.150. Sarah Cassal, from the Department of Ecology was also in attendance  
43 to answer questions for the Planning Commission which involve the state regulations

1 which are included in the SMP. It was asked overall how the changes as we go will show  
2 up in the draft document. Mr. Murphy will make the changes as we get to those chapters  
3 in the staff memos to PC and also in the chapters once the planning commission reviews  
4 the proposed changes from the comments. It was also confirmed the stakeholder meetings  
5 did continue after the “pause” and they completed the review of the chapters and at this  
6 point there isn’t any plans to add additional meetings unless requested by the Planning  
7 Commission on additional topics. Mr. Murphy also confirmed he received the Ecology  
8 comments and will be following up with the other regulatory groups to receive their  
9 feedback. There were other questions and comments by the Commissioners which Mr.  
10 Murphy addressed. The review of the chapters presented was extensive with some  
11 commitments by Mr. Murphy to follow up and/or change wording on certain sections:  
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- 13 • Ensure there is a definition for “over water structures”, and will change the sentence  
14 that mentions “ordinary high water line to ordinary high water mark since it is  
15 repetitive (19.150.145).
- 16 • Will discuss with Ms. Cassal some clarifying language around “boating facilities”  
17 and what that means (19.150.185).
- 18 • Definition for bulkheads to change to something like “ shoreline stabilization  
19 structure” to make it more general (19.150.210).
- 20 • Definition of “development” to be changed since it came from FEMA (19.150.280).
- 21 • Suggested to add the RCW reference to Ecological Functions (19.150.300).
- 22 • Will strike the last sentence in Eelgrass (19.150.310).
- 23 • Review and bring back the definition for Hard Surface (19.150.400).
- 24 • Strike “by the public” when referring to recreation under Residential Development  
25 (19.150.670).

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27 There was more discussion and it was confirmed more changes will be made to the chapters  
28 being reviewed so keep the comments and suggestions coming as early as possible to  
29 enable staff to research before the next meeting where SMP will be discussed.  
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31 **6. 8:40 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

32 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)*

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34 Ms. Wilson reminded the Planning Commission about the upcoming appreciation dinner  
35 with the Board of County Commissioners on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Mercato Restaurant. She  
36 also shared Allison Osterberg has accepted another position with Thurston Regional  
37 Planning, and also our GIS Analyst Janene Michaelis will be moving to the Assessor’s  
38 office.  
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40 **7. 8:40 P.M. CALENDAR:**

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42 April 3, 2019: All plan on attending.  
43 April 17, 2019: All plan on attending.  
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45 **8. 8:40 P.M. ADJOURN**

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

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Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

  
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Scott Nelson, Chair

