



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes April 3, 2019

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

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4 Commissioner Nelson called the April 3, 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, Donna Nickerson, Doug
8 Karman, Jim Simmons, Raul deLeon and Ed Fleisher

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10 **Absent:** Tyle Zuchowski

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12 **Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Shannon Shula, Maya Teeple, Allison Osterberg, Kaitlynn Nelson,
13 Brad Murphy, and Andrew Deffobis

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15 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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17 **MOTION: Commissioner deLeon moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**
18 **Simmons seconded. Motion carried.**

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20 **3. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
21 **public hearings have been held.)**

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23 1. Patrick Townsend, Olympia, WA
24 2. Brian Wilmovsky, Grand Mound, WA
25 3. Todd Wilmovsky, Grand Mound, WA
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27 **4. 6:45 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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29 **MOTION: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes**
30 **and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nickerson seconded.**
31 **Motion carried.**

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33 The official audio is available on line at:

34 [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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37 **5. 6:45 P.M. PRESENTATION: GRAND MOUND, ROCHESTER, AND NISQUALLY**
38 **SUBAREA PLANS UPDATE**

39 *(Staff: Shannon Shula, Maya Teeple)*

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41 Ms. Teeple and Ms. Shula presented a Power Point showing the progress made and next
42 steps on the three subarea plans update. The three subarea plans were approved by the
43 Board of County Commissioners for an update on the Official 2018/2019 Comprehensive

1 Plan Docket.

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3 Starting with the Nisqually Plan Update, it is not a total rewrite but just making sure it is
4 consistent with other county policies and plans, and also updating some information and
5 formatting in the document. The last time it was updated was 20 years ago. There was a
6 community meeting in 2018 to gather the public's perspective on the vision for this area.
7 A citizen focus group was also formed to continue the work on this project. It was
8 confirmed that the Nisqually Tribe is an active participant in this project as well. There
9 were other questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Teeple addressed.

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11 Ms. Shula then gave a summary of the planning efforts that have been completed for the
12 Grand Mound and Rochester Subarea plans. The plans were last updated over 20 years
13 ago, in 1996. The subarea planning process also incorporates analysis of Citizen Initiated
14 Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for site-specific rezoning requests. There have
15 been three public meetings held in 2018 on these projects, which also include Main Street
16 Rochester and Grand Mound Transportation Study, with approximately 100 people in
17 attendance per meeting. There were other questions and comments by the Commissioners
18 which Ms. Shula addressed. Ms. Shula also mentioned she would be back in May for
19 further discussion on this topic.

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21 **6. 7:15 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: CHAPTER 6**
22 **CFP, AND CHAPTER 12 AMENDMENTS**
23 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Kaitlynn Nelson)*

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25 Ms. Osterberg introduced two more chapters in the Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 6 CFP
26 and Chapter 12, the amendment process. Ms. Nelson presented a Power Point about the
27 Capital Facilities Plan chapter, minus the Capital Improvement Program which was
28 updated separately and has already been reviewed by the Planning Commission. The
29 changes shown for this chapter were mostly formatting issues in hopes of making the
30 information more understandable and in the right section of the Comp Plan. There was
31 specific questions about transportation which Ms. Osterberg addressed, and she suggested
32 putting more of this detailed information into the actual transportation chapter (#5) instead
33 of here, even though the comp plan doesn't usually go into that level of specificity. Ms.
34 Osterberg also reminded the Planning Commission if they would like to add policies
35 around specific topics it should be added to the different chapters, and that can still be done,
36 just be sure and let her know what those changes are so we can to make the document more
37 clear.

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39 Ms. Ostberberg then continued with a review of Chapter 12, Amendments, which explains
40 the two docketing processes the county uses. After a discussion about the amendment
41 process, the Planning Commission requested in the future to see the comments provided
42 each time the county goes through a 20-day comment period which is part of the process
43 with citizen requested Comp Plan Amendments.

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45 **7. 7:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**
46 *(Staff: Brad Murphy, Guest: Sarah Cassal, Dept of Ecology)*

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48 Mr. Murphy presented a review of the Shoreline Master Program strike-thru chapter 19.200

1 covering "Shoreline Jurisdiction and Shoreline Designations" which originate from the
2 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173.26.211. Sarah Cassel, from the Department
3 of Ecology was also in attendance to answer questions for the Planning Commission which
4 involve the state regulations which are included in the SMP. There were other questions
5 and comments by the Commissioners which Mr. Murphy and Ms. Cassal addressed. The
6 review of the chapters presented was extensive with some commitments to follow up and/or
7 change wording on certain sentences including adding the WAC reference throughout the
8 document to add an additional resource for citizens who may want to research further.
9 There was also discussions over the aquaculture references in this chapter and staff
10 confirmed this topic will be reviewed in detail and when Chapter 600 is on the agenda.

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12 Ms. Cassel added this chapter applies to all shorelines of the state, including Shorelines of
13 Statewide Significance, which are defined in the WAC and the shoreline designations
14 which the county has already completed. Commissioner Davis presented a concern that
15 aquaculture may not be "low impact" to the environment. After some discussion, Mr.
16 Murphy confirmed the question of aquaculture and potential impacts from aquaculture will
17 be brought back separately at a future meeting. As a reminder, the chapters will continue
18 to be updated with the suggestions presented as well as comments submitted in writing as
19 they are being reviewed. It was suggested by the Planing Commission to add a "version
20 reference" so they use the right one to base their comments and feedback on.

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22 **8. 9:00 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

23 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)*


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25 Ms. Wilson reminded the Planning Commission about the upcoming appreciation dinner
26 with the Board of County Commissioners on April 9th, 6:30pm at Mercato Restaurant. She
27 also shared Allison Osterberg has accepted another position with Thurston Regional
28 Planning, and also our GIS Analyst Janene Michaelis will be moving to the Assessor's
29 office.

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31 **9. 9:00 P.M. CALENDAR:**

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33 April 9, 2019 Dinner: Ed will not be in attendance.
34 April 17, 2019: All plan on attending.

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36 **10. 9:00 P.M. ADJOURN**

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38 With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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42 Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

