



## THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes April 17, 2019

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

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4 Commissioner Nelson called the April 17, 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, and Tyle Zuchowski  
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10 **Absent:** Raul deLeon and Ed Fleisher

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12 **Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Allison Osterberg, Brad Murphy, Andrew Deffobis, Maya Teeple,  
13 Ian Lefcourte and Kaitlynn Nelson  
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15 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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17 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman 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. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia, WA  
24 2. Sue Danver, Olympia WA  
25 3. Bill Zachmann, Olympia, WA  
26 4. Patrick Townsend, Olympia, WA  
27 5. Kathryn Townsend, Olympia, WA  
28 6. Audrey Lamb, Olympia, WA  
29 7. Diani Taylor Edelson, Olympia, WA  
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31 **4. 6:55 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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33 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the March 6, 2019 minutes and**  
34 **accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Zuchowski seconded. Motion**  
35 **carried.**  
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37 **MOTION: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the March 20, 2019 minutes**  
38 **and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion**  
39 **carried.**  
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41 The official audio is available on line at:

42 [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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2 **5. 7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:**  
3 **Chapter 13 & 14 Glossary & Appendices**  
4 **Chapter 6 Manufactured Homes**  
5 **Follow Up on Major Educational Institution Standards and Chapter 8 Economic**  
6 **Development**  
7 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Maya Teeple, Kaitlynn Nelson, Ian Lefcourte)*  
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9 Ms. Teeple introduced the two chapters of the Comprehensive Plan: Chapter 13 - Glossary  
10 and Chapter 14 - Appendices. There are minor updates to the formatting and also some  
11 new definitions and a new acronym table. Appendix E, "Maps" was discussed and it was  
12 suggested to have another briefing to take a look at them again. There were other  
13 suggestions from the Commissioners to: add a homeless housing plan to the appendix, and  
14 also look into the mineral resource lands definition.  
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16 Next, Ms. Nelson presented Chapter 6 Manufactured Homes evaluation of state  
17 requirements, including optional changes, which are not required but can be considered at  
18 this time. There were other questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms.  
19 Nelson addressed. A discussion ensued. It was agreed the county won't consider changes  
20 in this chapter until the joint plans are updated to allow for a more in depth review.  
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22 Mr. Lefcourte then presented the updated information for Chapter 8 which the Planning  
23 Commission had asked for to increase the emphasis on agriculture in Thurston County. It  
24 was recommended to change the word "partnering" in the chapter and also to use a different  
25 word than "site" for goal I, objective D, policy 7. Mr. Lefcourte also presented updated  
26 development standards for the proposed Major Educational Institution (Evergreen College)  
27 changes requested previously by the Planning Commission. The new proposed lot size was  
28 increased to 40 acres, which was positively received.  
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30 Ms. Osterberg ended the presentation with a review of the scope of work and next steps for  
31 the Comp Plan Update. Staff is proposing to split the update (calling this a "split scope")  
32 into 2 parts to give time for the Planning Commission to keep reviewing items which are  
33 not quite finished like the long term forestry, mineral lands, joint plan updates, health  
34 chapter and the associated code changes including accessory dwellings. There were other  
35 questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Osterberg addressed regarding  
36 the split scope idea. A discussion ensued. Ms. Osterberg committed to providing another  
37 update on this topic at the next meeting and also requested the Planning Commission  
38 provide any questions or follow up needed on the entire Comp Plan to her by the next  
39 meeting so we can prepare to schedule the public hearing on all the chapters.  
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41 **6. 7:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**  
42 *(Staff: Brad Murphy, Andrew Deffobis, Guest: Sarah Cassal, Dept of Ecology)*  
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44 Mr. Murphy presented a review of the Shoreline Master Program strike-thru chapter 19.300  
45 covering "General Goals and Policies", in addition to an overview of the comments  
46 received on the chapter and where to find them on the comment matrix. Sarah Cassel, from  
47 the Department of Ecology was also in attendance to answer questions for the Planning  
48 Commission associated with the state regulations which are included in the SMP. There



1 were other questions and comments by the Commissioners which Mr. Murphy and Ms.  
2 Cassal addressed. Corrections and changes were made on the document as the meeting  
3 progressed based on the feedback received. At the end of the chapter there were additional  
4 questions surrounding the Alliance for a Healthy South Sound (AHSS) information and  
5 why the county would codify their goals into the SMP instead of creating a separate  
6 handout to go with the restoration chapter. Mr. Murphy shared the Department of Ecology  
7 staff will be coming to the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to answer questions on aquaculture. It was  
8 requested from Planning Commission to have a tutorial on micro plastics and how it's  
9 affecting the Sound. Another requested agenda item was education from the geoduck  
10 industry to explain the planting to harvesting process.

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12 **7. 9:15 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

13 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)*  
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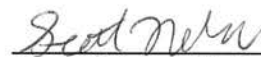
15 Ms. Wilson shared the AHSS is also known as the lead implementing organization funded  
16 through the Puget Sound Partnership. We have a newer grant called Riparian Restoration  
17 which will be a resource for citizens when they need to do repairs and will also have some  
18 demonstration projects. May 1<sup>st</sup> will be Allison's last day so please look through your  
19 binders to give feedback on the Comp Plan for our next meeting. She also shared she is  
20 retiring at the end of June. Regarding the July meetings, we typically cancel the one near  
21 the 4<sup>th</sup> of July so be thinking of when we might schedule a Special Meeting in July in place  
22 of it.  
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24 **8. 9:15 P.M. CALENDAR:**

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26 May 1, 2019- all plan on attending  
27 May 15, 2019- all plan on attending  
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29 **9. 9:20 P.M. ADJOURN**

30 With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.  
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34 Scott Nelson, Chair  
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Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

