



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes April 18, 2018

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

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4 Chair Kramer called the April 18 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission
5 to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

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7 **Attendance:** Chair Tim Kramer, Commissioners Jennifer Davis, Donna Nickerson, Scott
8 Nelson, Ed Fleisher and Raul deLeon.

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10 **Absent:** Tyle Zuchowski, Bill Jackson, and Jim Simmons

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12 **Staff:** Krosbie Carter, Allison Osterberg, Brad Murphy, Andrew Deffobis

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14 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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16 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Davis**
17 **seconded. Motion carried.**

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20 **3. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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22 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the March 7, 2018 minutes and**
23 **accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion**
24 **carried.**

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26 **MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved to approve the March 21, 2018 minutes and**
27 **accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion**
28 **carried.**

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30 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the April 4, 2018 minutes and**
31 **accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner de Leon seconded. Motion**
32 **carried.**

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34 The official audio is available on line at:

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36 [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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40 **4. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
41 **public hearings have been held.)**

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 - Patrick Townsend, Boston Harbor, WA

1 **5. 6:35 P.M. PRESENTATION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

2 *(Staff: Brad Murphy, Guest Speaker: Sarah Cassal, Washington State Department of*
3 *Ecology)*

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5 Mr. Murphy introduced tonight's guest speaker, Ms. Cassal from the Department of
6 Ecology. Ms. Cassal presented a Power Point which explained an overview of what
7 shorelines are, what the Shoreline Master program is and its different components which
8 are included. She focused her presentation on the general policies and regulations. There
9 were questions and comments from the Planning Commission which Ms. Cassal addressed.

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11 **6. 7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION: OPEN SPACE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

12 *(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)*

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14 Mr. Deffobis is in the process of updating the Open Space Tax Program which last was
15 done in 2004. The update will make sure the program is current with county codes,
16 including looking at the fees which are charged, updating department names and language.
17 He is also proposing an administrative section to assist applicants and those implementing
18 the program. Some issues for the Planning Commission to weigh in on are the public
19 benefit rating system, and also adding a monitoring and enforcement section which isn't
20 currently in the guidelines. He confirmed this is mostly a housekeeping effort but provides
21 an opportunity to improve the current program. A recent audit by the Department of
22 Revenue found the County should ensure all enrolled properties meet current program
23 standards. This would be done after the program is updated. Mr. Deffobis asked for
24 volunteers to form a sub-committee to work on this update but it was decided that he should
25 come back with more information about fees, enforcement and if there's been any outreach
26 to prospective participants. After that, the sub-committee will be considered.

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28 **7. 7:30 P.M. WORK SESSION: SPOONER PUBLIC HEARING OPTIONS UPDATE**

29 *(Staff: Krosbie Carter)*

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31 Tonight's work session by Ms. Carter is to clarify the options which will be going to the
32 Public Hearing on May 2nd. There was some confusion around the ability of the Planning
33 Commission's motion to remove Options 2 and 3 which the applicant's wanted and was
34 confirmed by legal council those needed to stay as options for the public hearing. There
35 was questions and concerns voiced by the Planning Commission around the addition of
36 properties B and C from when they set the public hearing at the last meeting which Ms.
37 Carter addressed. (Option 4 was always including A, B and C. A discussion ensued.

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39 **8. 8:05 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**


40 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg)*

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42 Ms. Osterberg shared the update that our division name has changed to Community
43 Planning within the department of Community Planning and Economic Development. As
44 a follow up on Mineral Lands, the next step will be bringing the Planning Commission's
45 recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on May 16th at 9:00 a.m.

1 9. 8:07 P.M. CALENDAR:
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3 May 2, 2018 – all plan on attending
4 May 16, 2018 – all plan on attending.
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6 10. 8:09 P.M. ADJOURN
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8 With there being no further business, Chair Kramer adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
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12 Tim Kramer, Chair

12 Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

