



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes May 1, 2019

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

Commissioner Nelson called the May 1, 2019 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Commissioners Jennifer Davis, Scott Nelson, Donna Nickerson, Jim Simmons, Tyle Zuchowski, Raul deLeon, Ed Fleisher and new Commissioner, Don DeHan.

Absent: Doug Karman

Staff: Cynthia Wilson, Allison Osterberg, Maya Teeple and Ian Lefcourte

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

MOTION: Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Remove agenda item #5 “Set a Public Hearing”.

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

- 1. Christy White, Olympia, WA

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

MOTION: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner deLeon seconded. Motion carried.

The official audio is available on line at:
http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

**5. 6:30 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:
Chapter 9 Environment, Recreation and Open Space
Minor Zoning Corrections
Follow up items**

(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Maya Teeple, Ian Lefcourte)

Ms. Teeple and Ms. Osterberg presented a Power Point on Chapter 9 the Environment,

1 Recreation and Open Space chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. This chapter is the last to
2 be reviewed of the “core chapters” to potentially be adopted first by the Board if they
3 choose to do the “core and continuing” concept presented at the last meeting. This chapter
4 has been renamed from “Natural Environment” to “Environment, Recreation and Open
5 Space” in hopes of making it flow better with the key themes in the chapter. There were
6 other questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Teeple and Ms. Osterberg
7 addressed. A discussion ensued. There was a suggestion to use a different word besides
8 “balancing” in the beginning of the chapter and thinks it should be about protection and
9 sustainability within the Growth Management Act. Another option would be to add the
10 word “balancing” to all the other chapters for consistency. As a side note, the comments
11 that Commissioner Karman submitted will be discussed at the next meeting he is in
12 attendance.

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14 Next the minor zoning corrections were discussed and the revised maps showing the
15 corrections reviewed on the Power Point. Thurston County Geodata does zoning
16 corrections to the layer each year. There are 3 tiers how this affects parcel boundaries,
17 with Tier 1 being the most with 5,088 parcels with minor corrections. Tier 1 is less than
18 10 feet from the parcel boundary; Tier 2 is corrections 10-20 feet from the parcel boundary,
19 but conform with parcel line and Tier 3 parcels 10-50 feet from parcel boundary which
20 generally conform with parcel line. This doesn’t affect the title of the property at all, just
21 the zoning.

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23 Finally, the follow up items “Maps and Chapters 8, 13, 14” were presented by Ms. Teeple
24 and Mr. Lefcourte. The map changes were shown in the Power Point to easily identified
25 the changes made. Staff will do another map overview when Commissioner Karman is
26 back at the meeting so there is still time for more questions. It was asked to not use
27 acronyms on the maps to make it easy to understand what it is for. For the Chapter 8 it
28 was recommended to add aquaculture to the list shown, and also keep cold storage on the
29 list with mills and hay distributors. For Chapters 13 and 14, a revised mineral lands
30 definition was added and a reference to the homeless housing plan and the Voluntary
31 Stewardship work plan were also added. It was confirmed the new homeless response
32 coordinator for the county will be reviewing the homeless housing plan. It was also
33 confirmed the county is still working with the other jurisdictions on comp plan
34 coordination, and stay tuned as the joint plans will be an agenda item in the future for the
35 Planning Commission.

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37 **6. 7:30 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

38 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)*

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40 Ms. Wilson asked about the July meeting dates. It was recommended canceling the July
41 3rd meeting, and adding another meeting, either July 10th, 24th or 31st. We will confirm
42 when the date gets closer.

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44 **7. 7:30 P.M. CALENDAR:**

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46 May 15, 2019- all plan on attending.
47 June 5, 2019 – Jennifer Davis not attending.
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1 8. 7:30 P.M. ADJOURN
2 Chair Nelson welcomed the new Planning Commissioner, Don DeHan and also thanked
3 Allison Osterberg for all of her hard work over the years.
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5 With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
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9 Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

