



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes June 5, 2019

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

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4 Commissioner Nelson called the June 5, 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 Scott Nelson, Donna Nickerson, Jim Simmons, Tyle  
8 Zuchowski, Doug Karman, Ed Fleisher and Don DeHan.  
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10 **Absent:** Jennifer Davis, Raul deLeon

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12 **Staff:** Cynthia Wilson, Brad Murphy, Andrew Deffobis, Shannon Shula  
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14 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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16 **MOTION: Commissioner Fleisher 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 Mr. Cummings thanked the Planning Commission and citizens here to participate in  
23 tonight's meeting and also wanted to publicly acknowledge the work of Cynthia Wilson,  
24 Planning Manager for Thurston County who is retiring and tonight is her last Planning  
25 Commission meeting as staff. He thanked her for her hard work throughout the years and  
26 invited Ms. Wilson to come to the mic for a few words. She thanked the Planning  
27 Commission and stated she has really enjoyed working with the group over the years and  
28 has had a very rewarding career at Thurston County and is looking forward to helping the  
29 community as a citizen now.  
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- 31 1. Karolyn Wilmovski, Centralia, WA  
32 2. Patrick Townsend, Olympia, WA  
33 3. Ryan Deskins, Centralia, WA  
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35 The official audio is available on line at:

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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39 **4. 6:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: GROUND MOUND SUBAREA PLAN UPDATE**  
40 ***(Staff: Shannon Shula)***  
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42 Ms. Shula presented a Power Point to assist in answering the questions that came up in the  
43 April work session about the history of Rochester/Grand Mound. The maps of the area

1 were reviewed showing the boundaries, with both past and present information. Next the  
2 Urban Growth Area boundaries were discussed, and whether or not those should change  
3 and what criteria is used to determine that. A discussion ensued. There were other  
4 questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Shula addressed. Currently,  
5 there are citizen initiated requests to rezone and expand the UGA boundaries, and those  
6 will be brought to the Planning Commission for consideration at a later date. As per the  
7 process, there will be more time for the public to comment on the proposals once it gets to  
8 the Planning Commission level. Ms. Shula will bring back additional information on the  
9 citizen initiated requests in a couple of weeks. It was requested to make the maps bigger  
10 for the next meeting.

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12 **5. 7:20 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PLAN UPDATE –**  
13 **CHAPTER 19.400**  
14 *(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)*

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16 Mr. Deffobis presented a Power Point on Buffers as a follow up to the last meeting to bring  
17 back answers the Planning Commission had around this topic. The current shoreline  
18 designations were compared to the proposed shoreline designations as well as the  
19 designation break down between lakes, marine shoreline and streams in Thurston County.  
20 Mr. Deffobis also discussed sources of best available science mentioned during the  
21 previous Planning Commission meeting. He also confirmed he is trying to have WDFW  
22 come and speak to their report mentioned in this presentation. A discussion ensued. There  
23 were other questions and comments by the Commissioners which Mr. Deffobis addressed.  
24 It was asked if those in the aquaculture industry could come and explain their business  
25 practices and also an opportunity for those opposed to aquaculture to present to the group.  
26 Also requested was the actual studies and literature reviews used to determine the proposed  
27 buffer widths. Lastly, Mr. Deffobis began the discussion on the other topics in Chapter  
28 400 including mitigation, allowed uses in buffers, public access and critical areas. There  
29 will be more on those topics in future meetings. Coming up at the next meeting will be the  
30 Department of Ecology presentation on Aquaculture with additional time to discuss that  
31 information at the special meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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33 **6. 7:42 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**  
34 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)*

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36 Ms. Wilson confirmed tonight is her last meeting before her retirement and added that Brad  
37 Murphy will be the interim Planning Manager. Additionally, Christina Chaput was  
38 promoted to Senior Planner which will mean a couple new recruitments for these positions  
39 will be posted in the near future. She also mentioned if you wanted to do the fieldtrip  
40 proposed during public comment, please work with staff to notice it if there is a quorum  
41 interested.

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43 **7. 7:42 P.M. CALENDAR:**

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45 June 19, 2019 – all plan on attending.  
46 July 10, 2019 – Special Meeting - all plan on attending.  
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Chair Nelson shared on behalf of the entire Planning Commission a heartfelt thank you to Cynthia Wilson for her service. With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



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Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

