



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes June 19, 2019

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

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4 Commissioner Nelson called the June 19, 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, Doug  
8 Karman, Jennifer Davis, Raul deLeon and Don DeHan.

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10 **Absent:** Tyle Zuchowski, Ed Fleisher

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12 **Staff:** Brad Murphy, Andrew Deffobis, Christina Chaput, Ian Lefcourte

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

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16 **MOTION: Commissioner deLeon moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**  
17 **DeHan. 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 1. Audrey Lamb, Shelton, WA  
23 2. Ian Child, Olympia, WA  
24 3. Kyle Lentz, Olympia, WA

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26 **4. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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28 **MOTION: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the May 1, 2019 minutes and**  
29 **accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nickerson seconded. Motion**  
30 **carried.**

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32 The official audio is available on line at:

33 [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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36 **5. 6:30P.M. WORK SESSION: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
37 **AMENDMENT**

38 *(Staff: Christina Chaput; Rick Thomas, Parks Department)*

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40 Ms. Chaput presented a Power Point on the Capital Improvement Program which is  
41 Appendix G in the Comprehensive Plan. This is a 6-year plan which is updated annually  
42 to show the county's planned projects and their budgets. The scheduled date for adoption  
43 of the amendment will be with the Capital Budget on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Planning

1 Commission is to review this document each year to ensure the county is upholding its  
2 requirement to plan for future costs and needs for facilities in the county and that we are  
3 meeting the growth needs as well. The Planning Commission can provide comments to  
4 the BoCC on any of the information included in the amendment. There were questions and  
5 comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Chaput addressed. There was a specific  
6 question about what is the percentage of the cost for capital improvements is covered by  
7 impact fees, which Ms. Chaput will research.  
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9 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to set a Public Hearing on the Capital**  
10 **Improvement Program 2020-2025 on July 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner**  
11 **Simmons seconded. Motion carried.**  
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13 6. **7:05 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PLAN UPDATE –**  
14 **AQUACULTURE**

15 *(Staff: Andrew Deffobis, Guests: Department of Ecology: Sarah Cassal & Rick Mraz)*  
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17 Mr. Deffobis introduced the Department of Ecology guests who are here to speak on  
18 aquaculture, including how it relates to the Shoreline Master Program, and also case law  
19 in our area. They presented a Power Point and passed out a hand out showing the multi-  
20 agency permitting process for each step of an aquaculture permit. They also discussed what  
21 general provisions from the WAC need to be included in the SMP. There were questions  
22 and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Cassal and Mr. Mraz addressed. Also  
23 discussed was the outcome of the Pierce County SMP appeal just received yesterday, in  
24 which the industry prevailed in most areas of the case. It was requested by the Planning  
25 Commission to have a comparison of that decision to our current draft language in the near  
26 future.  
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28 Mr. Deffobis then presented a Power Point on what is currently in Chapter 19.600 of the  
29 Thurston County draft SMP on this topic, which includes the application requirements and  
30 development standards. The discussion on aquaculture will continue at the July 10<sup>th</sup>  
31 meeting and on July 24<sup>th</sup> we will begin talking about Chapter 19.400 which is the general  
32 regulations including buffers and nonconforming uses. Reminder to get your written  
33 comments to Mr. Deffobis by July 10<sup>th</sup> to be distributed for the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
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35 7. **8:30 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

36 *(Staff: Brad Murphy)*  
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38 Reminder on July 10<sup>th</sup> we will have a Public Hearing at 7:00pm on the Comprehensive  
39 Plan Update. Ms. Wilson also wanted to thank you all for all of your great work over the  
40 years as she leaves for retirement.  
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42 8. **8:30 P.M. CALENDAR:**  
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44 July 10, 2019 – Special Meeting/Public Meeting - all plan on attending.

45 July 24, 2019 – Special Meeting/Public Meeting – Donna Nickerson will not attend.  
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1 9. 8:30 P.M. ADJOURN

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With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

