



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes September 5, 2018

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

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

Attendance: Chair Tim Kramer, Commissioners Jennifer Davis, Donna Nickerson, Scott Nelson, Tyle Zuchowski, Raul deLeon, and Jim Simmons

Absent: Bill Jackson, Ed Fleisher

Staff: Cynthia Wilson, Jeremy Davis, Allison Osterberg, and Maya Teeple

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

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

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

Christy White, Olympia, WA

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

MOTION: Commissioner Zuchowski moved to approve the May 16 18, 2018 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the June 6, 2018 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the August 15, 2018 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

The official audio is available on line at:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

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3 **5. 6:30 P.M. WORK SESSION: UPCOMING BOARD BRIEFING PREPARATION**
4 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson, Jeremy Davis)*

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6 Ms. Wilson provided an introduction of why we are discussing the role of the Planning
7 Commission in hopes of helping determine what will be shared at the board briefing with
8 the County Commissioners on September 19th. Mr. Davis presented a Power Point which
9 explained the role of the Planning Commission in Thurston County as well as the state
10 requirements for this advisory body. The role is largely legislative and provides a citizen
11 perspective to the County Commissioners on various docket items and proposed actions as
12 requested by the Board. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which
13 Mr. Davis addressed. A discussion ensued. Some suggestions for the future are as follows
14 from the Planning Commission:

- 15 A) Bring the preliminary docket items to the Planning Commission each year so
16 that they can weigh in on their recommendation of the priority order before it is set
17 by the Board.
18 B) Circulate the recommendation letters to all of the Planning Commissions prior
19 to the Chair signing it to ensure the contents are what the Planning Commission
20 desired.
21 C) Circle back to update the Planning Commission if their recommendations are
22 not used by the Board.
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24 The Commissioners then discussed what they would like to update or discuss with the
25 Board at the September 19th meeting, and confirmed there will be enough attendees to
26 warrant posting a special meeting notice since there will be a quorum. It was decided that
27 each attendee will be prepared to introduce themselves and just be available to answer
28 questions the Board may have of them in the 30 minutes of time this briefing is scheduled
29 for.
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31 **6. 7:15 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**
32 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg, Maya Teeple)*

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34 Ms. Osterberg presented a Power Point on the Comprehensive Plan including background,
35 and specifically information on the Land Use chapter and the mandatory elements it
36 contains. She reviewed what is changing, what is not changing and why. There were
37 questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Osterberg addressed. A
38 discussion ensued. Ms. Teeple also shared information about a major educational
39 institution land use amendment submitted by Evergreen State College. This amendment
40 will include associated zoning code amendments that will be considered as part of the entire
41 Comprehensive Plan Update. Ms. Osterberg also requested feedback on the binders being
42 created for each Planning Commissioner for the Comprehensive Plan Update. It was
43 confirmed all but one would like a printed redline version of each chapter, with the
44 exception of Commissioner Nickerson who would only like the documents electronically
45 except for the maps.
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7. 7:55 P.M. STAFF UPDATES
(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)


Ms. Wilson shared that staff will now be bringing you a schedule of when the Board has briefings on their calendar as well as information showing where this can be found online. Additionally, we will also provide the YouTube link to the Tuesday morning agenda setting meetings. Upcoming briefings which are schedule are as follows: on September 12th there is a briefing on the Shoreline Master Program Update and on September 18th, the Open Space public hearing is scheduled for 5:30pm, with a follow up briefing on September 26th at 9:00am.

8. 7:55 P.M. CALENDAR:

September 19, 2018 – all plan on attending.
October 3, 2018 – Commissioner Nickerson will not attend.

9. 7:58 P.M. ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Chair Kramer adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.



Tim Kramer, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

