



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes October 17, 2018

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

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4 Chair Kramer called the October 17 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, Tyle Zuchowski, Raul deLeon, Bill Jackson, Ed Fleisher and Jim Simmons  
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10 **Absent:** none

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12 **Staff:** Allison Osterberg, Brad Murphy  
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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**  
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 1. Ann VanSweringen, Olympia, WA  
23 2. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia, WA  
24 3. Meredith Rafferty, Olympia, WA  
25 4. Doug Karman, Lacey, WA  
26 5. Walt Anderson, Olympia, WA  
27 6. John Woodford, Olympia, WA  
28 7. Eric Moore, Olympia, WA  
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30 The official audio is available on line at:

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35 **4. 6:55 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

36 *(Staff: Allison Osterberg)*  
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38 Ms. Osterberg introduced her guests: Scott Davis from Thurston County Public Works and  
39 Michael Burnham from TRPC who will each present on the Transportation chapters  
40 included in the Comprehensive Plan Update. Ms. Osterberg presented a Power Point  
41 reviewing the Housing and Transportation draft chapters. There were questions and  
42 comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Osterberg addressed. She did clarify that the  
43 predictions for population, shown in two graphs, were based on past patterns and market

1 conditions rather than goal based. A discussion ensued. One suggestion for changes to the  
2 Housing Chapter is highlighting the goal of supporting cities to encourage higher-density  
3 infill development in the future as the Growth Management Act requires. Although “infill”  
4 has a negative connotation to some, increasing the amount and types of housing in the cities  
5 will reduce pressure on prices countywide, and help keep housing costs more affordable.  
6 Another suggestion was to highlight the connection between housing options and economic  
7 development.  
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9 Mr. Burnham from TRPC then presented his Powerpoint on the transportation topic. There  
10 were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Mr. Burnham addressed. He  
11 mentioned the likelihood of Rail coming to Thurston County really comes down to the  
12 density question. With the uptip of population in the future, it may happen. Currently, it  
13 is proposed to come to Dupont which is very close to Thurston County.  
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15 Mr. Davis from Public Works then presented his Powerpoint on the Transportation Plan  
16 for 2019-2024. He explained the document which was created by Thurston County,  
17 consolidates all of the transportation legislation for road requirements for Washington State  
18 in one place to help communicate clearly to the community. He confirmed that some of  
19 the projects determined to be a priority have yet to receive funding so are listed as “future”  
20 projects, and may not be complete by 2024.  
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22 **5. 7:55 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PLAN UPDATES**  
23 *(Staff: Brad Murphy)*  
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25 Mr. Murphy presented a Power Point on the Shoreline Master Program Update regarding  
26 topics of Mitigation and the concept of no net loss as required by the Shoreline  
27 Management Act (RCW 90.58). There were questions and comments by the  
28 Commissioners which Mr. Murphy addressed. A discussion ensued. He clarified that  
29 mitigation requirements are determined at the time of permitting by the county current  
30 planning/permit staff and the state agencies are involved by providing comments and  
31 permitting projects that fall within their jurisdiction. He also confirmed that county staff  
32 which work on these type of permits do have experience in the field and also collaborate  
33 with state agencies with whom it affects. And that training will be made available for staff  
34 members to update their skills and experience. A question from the Planning  
35 Commissioners centered on what financial help is available for the public to help with  
36 mitigation weather it is required or voluntary. Mr Murphy answered that information on  
37 financial resources for citizens who are required or voluntarily provide mitigation is  
38 currently in the draft Appendix C. Also confirmed that the red-lined version of the draft  
39 SMP is coming, as well as additional stakeholder meetings.  
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41 **6. 8:50 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**  
42 *(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)*  
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44 Mr. Murphy checked in again with the Planning Commission on the request to cancel the  
45 November 21st meeting during Thanksgiving week, and hold a special meeting instead on  
46 November 14<sup>th</sup> which was agreed upon. Ms. Osterberg also informed the Planning  
47 Commission of an Open House in Rochester scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the  
48 Rochester and Grand Mound Subarea Plans land use and transportation options. There are

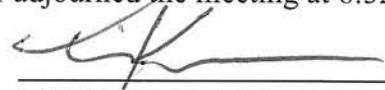
1 also additional open houses regarding the new county civic center project happening in the  
2 next month.

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5 **7. 8:50 P.M. CALENDAR:**

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7 November 7, 2018 – Tyle not attending.  
8 November 14, 2018, Special Meeting – Raul not attending.  
9 November 21, 2018 – will be canceled.

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11 **8. 8:52 P.M. ADJOURN**

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13 With there being no further business, Chair Kramer adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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17 Tim Kramer, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

