



# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes December 2, 2020

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

Chair Nelson called the December 2, 2020 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Commissioners Doug Karman, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons, Donna Nickerson, Don Dehan, Tyle Zuchowski and Scott Nelson.

**Absent:** Raul deLeon and Ed Fleisher

**Staff:** Jennifer Davis, Andrew Deffobis

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

**MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Zuchowski seconded. Motion carried.**

3. **6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Motion carried.**

The official audio is available on line at:

[http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning\\_commission/planning\\_comm\\_minutes.html](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)

4. **6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)**

1. Patrick Townsend, Olympia
2. Bob Lanouette, Olympia
3. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia
4. John Woodford, Olympia
5. Mark Hancock, Olympia
6. Allen Bennett, Olympia

5. **6:50 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)

To begin Mr. Deffobis explained how the Shoreline Master Program and the Critical Areas Ordinance work together. As of right now, both documents may apply to your property. The current SMP was adopted in 1990, and when the CAO was adopted in 2012 it applied to critical areas within shoreline jurisdiction. Development standards and

1 permits could be required under both programs. Once the updated SMP is adopted it will  
2 be the only document that applies for shoreline jurisdiction. After the update the need to  
3 protect critical areas will still continue. The language from the CAO is proposed to be  
4 pulled into the SMP in Appendix E on those topics which deal with critical areas.  
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6 There were questions and comments by the Planning Commission which Mr. Deffobis  
7 answered. A discussion ensued. Mr. Deffobis confirmed the Appendix E will be a  
8 snapshot of CAO regulations until the SMP is updated again. He confirmed he look at  
9 efficiencies that other jurisdictions have used to add language from the CAO to the SMP.  
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11 The SMP Chapter 19.400 discussion began by asking how the comments discussed will  
12 be shown in the document. Mr. Deffobis explained how his screen looks currently is his  
13 best attempt at highlighting these options so the public will be drawn to it. Chair Nelson  
14 confirmed this captures how the Planning Commission decided the changes would be  
15 shown in previous meetings. There were questions and comments as the review of  
16 Chapter 19.400 ensued with Mr. Deffobis answered or noted on the draft document to get  
17 further clarifications and edits as requested by the Planning Commission.  
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19 Lastly, the postcard was discussed. The Planning Commission thoughts and comments  
20 about the postcard were discussed and Mr. Deffobis confirmed it will not be sent out until  
21 all of the website open house tools are complete to allow citizens to discover the changes  
22 that may be happening to their parcels. Any citizens who have concerns about the change  
23 in designation and want to dispute it can bring those issues to staff, who will then update  
24 the Planning Commission on the situations.  
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26 **6. 8:35 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

27 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*  
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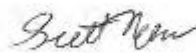
29 Ms. Davis shared Board has been cranking along with the recommendations the Planning  
30 Commission has sent them. For ADU they will make a decision on December 15, similar  
31 to the PC recommendation. On Comp Plan there is one more work session on December  
32 9 where they will determine what to act on. Today they made a preliminary decision on  
33 RAP as well. There is a lot of work coming at them from the Planning Commission's  
34 hard work throughout this year!  
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36 **7. 8:35 P.M. CALENDAR**

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38 December 16, 2020: All plan on attending.  
39 January 6, 2020: Scott Nelson will not attend.  
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41 **8. 8:36 P.M. ADJOURN**

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43 With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.  
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47 Scott Nelson, Chair

47 Prepared by Polly Stoker