THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes December 5, 2018

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

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

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

Absent: Bill Jackson, Ed Fleisher, Donna Nickerson, and Raul deLeon

Staff: Cynthia Wilson, Brad Murphy

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

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

At staff’s request, move agenda item #5: Staff Updates to agenda item #2.

3. 6:30 P.M. STAFF UPDATES
(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)

A reminder that the regular PC Meeting is scheduled for January 16th, which will make back to back meetings with the addition of the January 9th Special Meeting. There are 3 Planning Commissioner positions up for reappointment for 2019. All 3 have submitted applications and the BoCC will discuss all applications received at the next Tuesday board meeting. As a follow up, the Spooner land use amendment is almost complete.

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

1. Patrick Townsend, Olympia, WA
2. Doug Karman, Lacey, WA
3. Kathryn Townsend, Olympia, WA
4. Christy White, Olympia WA
5. Meredith Rafferty, Olympia, WA
6. John Woodford, Olympia, WA

The official audio is available on line at:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html
5. 7:20 P.M. PRESENTATIONS: SHORELINE MASTER PLAN UPDATE  
(Staff: Brad Murphy)

Mr. Murphy introduced tonight's guest speaker, Ms. Theresa Nation from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Ms. Nation presented a Power Point titled Riparian Habitat: Ecology and Management which explained how Riparian physical functions affect shorelines as well as management and impacts.

Next, Mr. Murphy introduced Mr. Michel Rechner and Mr. Micah Horwith from the Department of Natural Resources. They each presented a Power Point on state owned aquatics lands and how it relates to the shorelines as well as sharing research on studies they are conducting to restore eel grass in hopes of helping the environment as well as aquaculture.

Last, Mr. Murphy introduced Ms. Sarah Cassal from the Department of Ecology. Ms. Cassal focused her presentation on topics of interest she has heard while attending Planning Commission meetings as it relates to Ecology requirements in the SMP. She confirmed she will be happy to attend a future meeting to continue the conversation.

With all the presentations, there were questions and comments from the Planning Commission which the guest speakers and Mr. Murphy addressed.

6. 8:45 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMP PLAN UPDATE  
(Staff: Allison Osterberg)

The Planning Commission and staff decided to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting due to the current time and also to allow the meeting materials to arrive by mail which were delayed.

7. 8:45 P.M. CALENDAR:

- December 19, 2018- all plan on attending, will post as special meeting as well for the Open House happening 4:00pm-6:00pm this same day.
- January 2, 2019- will be canceled
- January 9, 2019- Special Meeting- all plan on attending
- January 16, 2019- all can attend, therefore the meeting will be held as scheduled

8. 8:50 P.M. ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Chair Kramer adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Tim Kramer, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary