



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes December 15, 2021

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

Chair Simmons called the December 15, 2021 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Commissioners Scott Nelson, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons, Doug Karman, and Kevin Pestinger

Absent: Don DeHan and Raul deLeon

Staff: Christina Chaput and Andrew Deffobis

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

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

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

MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the December 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Casino seconded. Motion carried.

The official audio is available on line at:

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. Christy White

5. 6:35 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)

Mr. Deffobis facilitated the review of remaining options from the public hearing draft, beginning with standards for grated docks in the development standards, which was decided to leave as is currently written. Also discussed was the options for spacing of pilings for piers and it was suggested to replace the current language with the state's guidelines and the same for widths of docks. Mr. Deffobis will research if our language can just mirror the state's requirements. There was additional decisions made and a discussion of no net loss of habitat. As a reminder, the county must prepare a cumulative impacts analysis to ensure the SMP update will achieve a standard of no net loss of ecological functions. Staff will work with Ecology ahead of finalizing the SMP to ensure

1 we are on the right path to have no net loss. Appendix B was then reviewed to discuss
2 replanting requirements for pervious/semi-pervious construction, and whether or not to
3 include decks in that equation. Decks will be considered pervious surfaces in the draft, so
4 long as this does not conflict with the drainage manual.
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6 A powerpoint on the review of agriculture provisions in the SMP was then presented. He
7 also provided an email last week to Planning Commission outlining the background about
8 the agriculture and SMP topic providing a link to the public comments received around
9 this topic, where agriculture standards are found in the draft, and relevant state law
10 provision links. There were questions and comments by the Planning Commission which
11 Mr. Deffobis answered. Among other items, a discussion of the definition of “fallow”
12 ensued and no definite changes to that were confirmed yet.
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14 **6. [7:37 P.M.](#) STAFF UPDATES**

15 *(Staff: Christina Chaput)*
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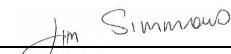
17 No staff updates tonight except the Board will begin filling the vacancies for Planning
18 Commission at the first of the new year.
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20 **7. [7:39 P.M.](#) CALENDAR**

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22 January 5, 2022: All plan on attending.
23 January 19, 2022: All plan on attending.
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25 **8. [7:40 P.M.](#) ADJOURN**

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27 With there being no further business, Chair Simmons adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
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Jim Simmons, Chair

31 Prepared by Polly Stoker