



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes December 16, 2020

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

Chair Nelson called the December 16, 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, Ed Fleisher and Scott Nelson.

Absent: Raul deLeon

Staff: Jennifer Davis, Andrew Deffobis

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

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

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

MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the December 2, 2020 minutes. Commissioner DeHan seconded. Motion carried as amended.

On page 2, line 4-5, remove the words “and shorelines”.

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. Mark Hancock, Olympia
2. Patrick Townsend, Olympia
3. John Woodford, Olympia

5. **6:47 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)

Mr. Deffobis opened the work session explaining the Planning Commission is continuing its review of draft SMP document in hopes of receiving specific feedback on text changes or options to include in the public hearing draft. He confirmed he does have the questions around the Shoreline Residential concern mentioned in the public comments

1 tonight and that those will be brought to the Planning Commission to review in addition
2 to all of Appendix A.

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4 Mr. Deffobis then followed up on previously asked questions by the Planning
5 Commission around Thurston County jurisdiction of shorelines, the word predator
6 exclusion in the document, abandoned structures, cost of docks and construction
7 setbacks. More information to come still on items such as shoreline use changes and
8 buffer options for critical areas.

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10 The Planning Commission finished discussing Chapter 19.400 and began discussing
11 Chapter 19.500. There were questions and comments from the Planning Commission as
12 the review ensued which Mr. Deffobis answered or noted on the draft document to get
13 further clarifications. Edits requested by the Planning Commission were also noted.

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15 As requested tonight, coming up for future work sessions will be the citizen request to
16 review proposed shoreline environment designations for Lake Lawrence, a deeper dive
17 into County stormwater requirements in the Drainage Manual and plastics usage in
18 aquaculture, a topic which has been brought up by the Planning Commission, citizens,
19 and the shellfish industry.

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21 **6. 8:27 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

22 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*

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24 Ms. Davis shared the Board took action yesterday to adopt two big items worked on by
25 the Planning Commission: 2020 Comprehensive Plan amendments which includes
26 Mineral Lands, the Recycled Asphalt policy and the Rochester subarea plan with a 2-1
27 vote. Commissioner Menser voted against it due to concerns with the co-designation of
28 mineral lands and agricultural lands. The Board also adopted the Accessory Dwelling
29 Units regulations with one small change from the Planning Commission recommendation
30 regarding conversions of existing accessory structures to ADUs; those structures would
31 need to be in place and permitted legally for one year prior to converting. On Friday,
32 the Board will adopt the Capital Improvement Program. They did mention their
33 appreciation to the Planning Commission on all of this work as well!

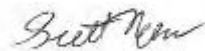
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35 The Planning Commission wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a special thank you
36 to Mr. Deffobis for his hard work on the Shoreline Master program!

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38 **7. 8:30 P.M. CALENDAR**

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40 January 6, 2021: Scott Nelson may not attend.
41 January 20, 2021: all plan on attending

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43 **8. 8:30 P.M. ADJOURN**

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45 With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Scott Nelson, Chair

