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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission

FROM: Maya Teeple, Associate Planner

DATE: August 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update (Core Items) – Draft Motions

Work sessions with the Planning Commission were held on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (core items) beginning in May of 2018. For more information and working drafts with proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, please go to:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/planning/Pages/comp-plan-update.aspx>

**Draft Motion and Findings: 2016-2019 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update (core)
Item #1 of the 2018/2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket**

Move to recommend approval of amendments to Chapters 1-10, Chapter 12, related maps I-1 Thurston County Jurisdiction, I-2 Physiography, I-3 Existing Land Uses, L-1 Future Land Use, L-3 Military Impact Areas, L-3 Airport Noise Impact, N-1 Long Term Agriculture and Forestry, N-3 Mineral Resource Inventory, T-1 Federal Functional Classification, T-2 County Functional Classification, T-2a Grand Mound Functional Classification, T-3 Transit Routes, T-4 Existing and Planned Bicycle and Multiuse Trail Facilities, T-5 Rail, Port and Airport Facilities, T-6 2015 Modeled Traffic Volumes, T-7 2040 Modeled Traffic Volumes, T-8 Freight and Goods Transportation System, T-9 Level of Service Standard, T-10 2040 Level of Service Projections, U-1 Water, Sewer and Solid Waste, E-1 Water Resource Inventory Areas, E-2 Lands for Public Purposes, E-3 Open Space Tax Land, H-1 Historic Sites, Chapter 13 Glossary, and appendices A through F of the Comprehensive Plan as part of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update; and to recommend approval of related amendments to the Thurston County Code NEW Chapter 20.64 and other associated code changes to Chapters 20.54, 20.03, and 20.37 of the Thurston County Code to implement the Major Educational Institution land use designation; and to recommend approval of a land use amendment and associated rezone for the Evergreen State College; and to affirm no changes are needed for Manufactured Housing.

Findings:

1. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Growth Management Act 36.70A RCW.
2. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Thurston County County-Wide Planning Policies.
3. The Thurston County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on July 10, 2019 as required by Thurston County Code Chapter 2.05 Growth Management Public Participation.

Based on significant public comment received, the Planning Commission may choose to formulate a recommendation that the Board consider adding a review of items that were outside of the original Scope of Work adopted for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, such as a review of the designation for agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance.

Draft Motion and Findings: Designation of Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance, Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Plan – Natural Resources

Move to recommend that the Board add a review of the designation of Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance, including review of prime farmland soils, of agricultural policies, and of conservation programs such as Transfer and Purchase of Development Rights, to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket for 2020.

Findings:

1. A review of the Designation for Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance was not part of the Scope of Work for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, adopted February 14, 2017 under Resolution 15436.
2. The designation of agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance has not been updated since 2014.
3. The Thurston County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on July 10, 2019 as required by Thurston County Code Chapter 2.05 Growth Management Public Participation.
4. Significant written and oral testimony was received that requested updates to this element of the Comprehensive Plan.