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

Chair Davis called the May 17 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Jennifer Davis, Commissioners Tim Kramer, Jim Simmons, Donna Nickerson, Scott Nelson, Ed Fleisher, Tyle Zuchowski and Bill Jackson

**Absent:** Chris Lane

**Staff:** Allison Osterberg, Cynthia Wilson

**Guest:** Joe Dragovich, Associated Earth Sciences Inc.

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kramer seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Moving items #2 and #3 after #5.

3. **6:30 P.M. WORK SESSION: COMP PLAN UPDATE: SCOPE OF WORK AND SCHEDULE**

**(Staff: Allison Osterberg)**

Ms. Osterberg presented a powerpoint on the Comprehensive Plan Update which explained the scope of work to come and the scheduled timeline for completing the work. Per the state requirements, she explained the Board has directed staff to do a targeted update versus a complete update this time. She also went over the different natural resources which will be included in this update, one of them being Mineral Resource Lands which is the next item on the agenda. This is the beginning steps of this project and confirmed there will be many ways to participate in this public process of updating the comp plan. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Osterberg addressed.

4. **6:45 P.M. WORK SESSION & PRESENTATION: MINERAL RESOURCE LANDS**

**(Guest: Joe Dragovich, Associated Earth Sciences, Inc.)**

Ms. Osterberg introduced Mr. Dragovich, the consultant who is working on the Mineral Resource Lands project. He presented a powerpoint that explained how the County is addressing the state requirement to identify, classify and designate mineral resource lands in Thurston County, and he showed a draft Inventory Map and Classification Table. Ms.
Osterberg confirmed that the inventory, which was open for public comment, is based on geologic information about the location of mineral lands in the county, irrespective of other factors. There will be additional opportunities for the Planning Commission and the public to weigh in on decisions about what subset of the lands included in the inventory are actually designated mineral lands as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update, and on policies related to mineral lands. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Mr. Dragovich and Ms. Osterberg addressed. It was requested to create a frequently asked questions section on the website to address common issues the public is concerned about, and also include an explanation of what it means to be “designated”.

5. **7:25 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS** (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)

1. Zack W. Benton Sr.
2. Ryan Ransavage, Puyallup
3. Sue Danver, Olympia
4. John Newman, Olympia
5. Christie White, Olympia
6. Lisa Renner, Olympia
7. Zack W. Benton Sr. (again)
8. John Brett
9. Christie White, Olympia (again)
10. Dave Lewis, Miles Sand & Gravel
11. Lisa Renner, Olympia (again)
12. Patty May, Olympia

6. **7:50 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the April 19, 2017 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nickerson seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the May 3, 2017 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nickerson seconded. Motion carried.

The official audio is available on line at:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

7. **7:50 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

(Staff: Cynthia Wilson)

The 2017 Gopher review season was just approved to start June 1st. A change the BoCC made from last year is the prioritization of “projects” over “non-projects”. The “non projects” do have an opportunity to change to a “project” by June 30th and save their
place in line for a review this season.

8. **7:55 P.M. CALENDAR:**

   June 7, 2017 - All plan on attending.
   June 21, 2017 – All plan on attending.

9. **7:55 P.M. ADJOURN**

   With there being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

Jennifer Davis, Chair