



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes July 19, 2017

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

Chair Davis called the July 19 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

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

Absent: Chris Lane

Staff: Christina Chaput, Andrew Deffobis, Brad Murphy

2. 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)

John Woodford, Lacey, WA

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

MOTION: Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Motion carried.

4. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the June 21, 2017 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

The official audio is available on line at:

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

5. 6:30 P.M. WORK SESSION: CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN 2018-2023

(Staff: Christina Chaput)

Ms. Chaput gave background information, a timeline, and a presentation on the Capital Facilities plan for 2018-2023. There were representatives from the departments in attendance to answer questions from the Commissioners on specific projects. There were questions and comments by the Commissioners which Ms. Chaput addressed. A discussion ensued.

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2 **MOTION: Commissioner Fleisher moved to set a Public Hearing on the Capital**
3 **Facilities Plan 2018-2023 on August 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Nelson**
4 **seconded. Motion carried.**
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7 **6. 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: OPEN SPACE TAX PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**
8 ***(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)***
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10 **Chair Davis opened the public hearing for the Open Space Applications Jordan Trust**
11 **and Paterson at 7:00 p.m.**
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13 Chair Davis explained that there will be 2 public hearings this evening, one for each open
14 space application, and gave instructions to the public to testify.
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16 Mr. Deffobis gave a brief presentation and background of information on the Open Space
17 applications for Jordan Trust and Paterson, and the Open Space process, written comments
18 submitted for the public hearing (for which there were none) and additional information.
19 He did note that this year is a little different as there were no applications received as a
20 result of the Assessor's office auditing of properties in current use. The Assessor's office
21 has deferred audits of properties in current use for the time being. Mr. Deffobis followed
22 up on a question from the last meeting and confirmed that the Paterson's property would
23 not be eligible for additional tax reduction even though they are allowing the Evergreen
24 State College sheep club to use their property for grazing sheep. They would need an
25 additional three points under the Public Benefit Rating System to increase the tax reduction
26 available on the property.
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28 *No Public Testimony was given.*
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30 **Chair Davis closed the both public hearings at 7:10 p.m.**
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32 **7. 7:15 P.M. WORK SESSION: OPEN SPACE TAX PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**
33 ***(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)***
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35 There were other questions and comments which Mr. Deffobis addressed.
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37 **MOTION: Commissioner Kramer moved to recommend approval of the Jordan**
38 **Trust property into the farm and agricultural conservation land Open Space Tax**
39 **Program. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.**
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41 **MOTION: Commissioner Kramer moved to recommend approval of the Paterson**
42 **property into the farm and agricultural conservation land current use designation**
43 **under the Open Space Tax Program. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion**
44 **carried.**
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46 **8. 7:15 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE**
47 ***(Staff: Brad Murphy)***
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1 Mr. Murphy presented a Power Point which is a continuation of the last presentation and
2 also set up large posterboards with maps for the Planning Commission to review. This will
3 cover the components of the SMP and explain how it should work. Mr. Murphy explained
4 that outreach is continuing with lake management groups as well as representatives of the
5 shellfish community. While these meetings continue, the draft chapters will be presented
6 to the Planning Commission for feedback. There were questions and comments which Mr.
7 Murphy addressed.
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9 **9. 7:45 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

10 *(Staff: Brad Murphy)*
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12 Mr Murphy shared there is a public meeting on the Nisqually subarea plan happening on
13 July 27th at Meadows Elementary school if anyone from the Planning Commission would
14 like to attend.
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16 **10. 7:45 P.M. CALENDAR:**

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18 August 2, 2017 – no Jennifer Davis.

19 August 16, 2017 – All plan on attending.
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21 **11. 7:50 P.M. ADJOURN**

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23 With there being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

24 *Edward Flewter Vice Chair*
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26 Jennifer Davis, Chair
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Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

