



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes March 17, 2021

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

Chair Simmons called the March 17, 2021 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Commissioners Scott Nelson, Doug Karman, Eric Casino, Jim Simmons, Don Dehan and Donna Nickerson

Absent: Ed Fleisher, Raul deLeon

Staff: Jennifer Davis, Kaitlynn Nelson, Andrew Deffobis

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

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson 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 March 3, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Fix Commissioner name on Line 21 of minutes approval, to read “Commissioner DeHan”.

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. Patrick Townsend, Olympia, WA
2. John Woodford, Olympia, WA
3. Bob Lanouette, Olympia, WA
4. Phyllis Farrell, Olympia, WA
5. Christy White, Olympia, WA

5. **6:52 P.M. DISCUSSION: PLANNING COMMISSION BIOS**

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft Bios document and made a few minor changes around the address question. Staff will resend the document with these final changes and ask the Commissioners to email back the completed document to Polly

1 Stoker by the next regular meeting, April 7, 2021.

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3 **6. 6:57 P.M. WORK SESSION: WIRELESS CODE**

4 *(Staff: Kaitlynn Nelson, Guest Consultant: Ken Fellman of Kissinger & Fellman)*

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6 Ms. Nelson introduced consultant Mr. Fellman of Kissinger & Fellman, who has been
7 working with staff to develop the Wireless Code draft update. The County is doing the
8 update due to changes in federal law. The Power Point presentation will focus on the
9 background of the Wireless Code and scope of amendments needed. Any questions that
10 cannot be answered today will be discussed at the next Wireless Code work session. Ms.
11 Davis confirmed the timeline is to complete this review and Planning Commission work
12 sessions in the upcoming months and a chance at action by the BoCC by the end of the
13 year.

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16 **7. 7:30 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

17 *(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)*

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19 Mr. Deffobis continued the review of Chapter 19.600 of the draft Shoreline Master
20 Program document. There were two written comments provided which were emailed to
21 Planning Commission and uploaded to the Planning Commission website. He also
22 provided an update on the recently discussed Lake Lawrence environmental designations
23 around Goat Island (Reach LLA-8 – LLA-8). In 1990 the island and adjacent shoreline
24 across the canal were included in maps of SMP jurisdiction, but were erroneously
25 removed in 2004 by an employee at the time. When the consultants did their work in
26 2013 they would've used that amended layer and omitted these shorelines from the
27 Inventory and Characterization and SED report documents. The 2004 changes to SMP
28 jurisdiction were caught and fixed back in 2016. Staff used the amended layer in their
29 recent analysis of Goat Island, which is why staff reported a portion of the island is
30 currently mapped in SMP jurisdiction and designated as Natural. He also asked for
31 clarification on active mining question previously asked. If there are specific water
32 bodies the Planning Commissioners know of to help research this question, please email
33 him. There were other questions and comments from the Planning Commission as the
34 review ensued which Mr. Deffobis answered or noted on the draft document to get
35 further clarifications.

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37 **8. 8:30 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

38 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*

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40 Ms. Davis shared the Board of County Commissioners adopted 3 amendments to the
41 Special Use Code which aligned with the recommendations of the Planning Commission.
42 Currently, the Board is considering adding 2 new proposals to the docket; an open written
43 comment period goes through Friday, March 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. If you wish to
44 comment, feel free to visit www.thurstonplanning.org to submit it. The proposals are for
45 the Beaver Creek land use amendment and making the Interim Emergency Housing
46 Ordinance amendments permanent.

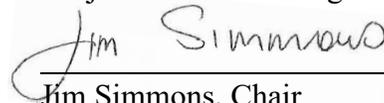
1 The Tumwater Joint Planning meeting on March 31st will include a staff presentation on
2 updates to the Tumwater Urban Growth Area plan. No decision will need to be made at
3 this meeting. You will receive the meeting materials the week prior.
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5 **9. [8:30 P.M.](#) CALENDAR**

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7 March 31, 2021 Special Mtg: all plan on attending
8 April 7, 2021: all plan on attending.
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10 **10. [8:30 P.M.](#) ADJOURN**

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

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16 Jim Simmons, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker