

## THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes November 16, 2022

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2 **1. 6:45 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

3 Chair Casino called the Thurston County Planning Commission meeting on November 16,  
4 2022, to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

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6 **Attendance:** Commissioners Eric Casino (Chair), Doug Karman (Vice-Chair),  
7 Scott Nelson, Jim Simmons, Joel Hansen, Helen Wheatley, Derek Day, and Kevin  
8 Pestinger.

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10 **Absent:** Barry Halverson

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12 **Staff:** Christina Chaput, Maya Teeple, Kaitlynn Nelson, and Amelia Schwartz

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14 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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16 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**  
17 **Nelson seconded. Motion carried.**

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19 **3. 6:33 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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21 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the November 2, 2022, meeting**  
22 **minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried.**

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24 The audio recording is the official record of the above-dated meetings. The information  
25 herein is provided as an overview of the meeting and a road map to the audio recording.  
26 Audio is available online at: [http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning\\_commis-](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)  
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29 **4. 6:35 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**  
30 **public hearings have been held.)**

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32 1. Timothy Leadingham, Olympia, WA

33 **New Business**

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35 **5. 6:40 P.M. THURSTON 2045**

36 *(Staff: Maya Teeple)*

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38 Ms. Teeple presented a Power Point on the Thurston 2045, the comprehensive plan  
39 periodic update, which is the vision for the county's next 20 years. The presentation also  
40 covered a summary of the public participation plan and discussed the current survey  
41 underway to gain citizens' hope for Thurston County. There were suggestions by the  
42 Planning Commission around the survey contents to gain broader responses by citizens  
43 which staff noted for the future work to be done. The scoping of the periodic update was  
44 also discussed at length with the Planning Commission wanting to be more involved in an

advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Teeple confirmed there will be much more information coming in 2023 around this topic.

#### **Continued Business**

**6. 7:06 P.M PUBLIC HEARING: Grand Mound Update**  
(Staff: Kaitlynn Nelson and Amelia Schwartz)

**Chair Casino opened the public hearing and provided the instructions for public testimony.**

Ms. Nelson provided an overview of the Grand Mound Update which included a summary of the public outreach and participation. There were 30 written comments submitted at the time of the hearing.

1. John Peters, Tumwater, WA
2. Karolyn Wilmovsky, Centralia, WA
3. Todd Wilmovsky, Olympia, WA
4. Brian Deskins, Rochester, WA
5. Joshua Daily, Rochester, WA
6. Lisa Riner, Olympia, WA
7. Janice Arnold, Rochester, WA
8. John Newman, Olympia, WA
9. Lorraine James, Rochester, WA
10. Mike Parsons, Olympia, WA
11. Sue Danver, Olympia, WA
12. David Toyer, Lake Stevens, WA
13. Christy White, Olympia, WA
14. Karina Watt, Rochester, WA

**Chair Casino closed the public hearing at 7:53 pm.**

**7. 7:53 P.M WORK SESSION: Grand Mound Update**  
(Staff: Kaitlynn Nelson and Amelia Schwartz)

Staff asked the members to provide staff with desired edits to the current draft plan after hearing and reading the public comments received. Planning Commissioners requested more time to review items received today. Some suggestions were discussed including connecting goals and actions in the document to align better by chapter, adding to the statement of purpose to incorporate the reason the county wanted a plan in the first place. Also discussed at length was housing information, WSDOT and Chehalis Tribe feedback, the process for expansion of the UGA, and the timing of the subarea plan as it relates to the timing of the periodic Comprehensive Plan update. There was also an RCW link provided by email from Commissioner Pestinger during the meeting (who was attending via audio on Zoom) to forward to all Planning Commissioners which explains the requirements for the comprehensive plan update as an FYI.

Ms. Schwartz reiterated staff request to receive feedback on desired edits from

commissioners and Ms. Nelson confirmed she would be bringing an updated staff report and drafts to the next meeting to incorporate feedback received so far.

**Other Business**

**8. 8:50 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Chaput passed out the draft proposed changes to the Rules & Procedures document for the Planning Commission to review and discuss at the next meeting.

The office is moving on December 7, but we will still have the Planning Commission meeting that evening. We will not be able to have a meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup> due to the move.

There was also discussion about the January meetings and the Planning Commission agreed with staff to have them on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Atrium. Those meeting notices will be sent out closer to the dates.

**9. 8:55 P.M. CALENDAR**

November 30, 2022: Olympia Joint Plan Public Hearing. All plan on attending, 6:45pm start.

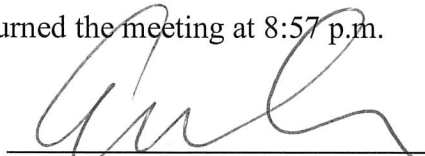
December 7, 2022: All plan on attending.

December 21, 2022: to be canceled.

**10. 8:56 P.M. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**11. 8:57 P.M. ADJOURN**

With no further business, Chair Casino adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

  
Eric Casino, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker

