



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes April 5, 2023

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2 1. 6:31 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

3 Vice Chair Day called the Thurston County Planning Commission meeting on April 5th,
4 2023, to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.
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- 6 2. **Attendance:** Derek Day (Vice Chair), Scott Nelson, Helen Wheatley, Doug Karman, and
7 Kevin Pestinger
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9 **Absent:** Commissioner Eric Casino (Chair), Joel Hansen, Barry Halverson, Jim Simmons
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11 **Staff:** Christina Chaput, Marisa Whisman
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13 3. 6:35 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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15 **MOTION: Commissioner Wheatley moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**
16 **Pestinger seconded. Motion carried, as amended.**
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18 Remove March 15, 2023, minutes from Item #2 and add 5 minutes to discuss the lan-
19 guage written for February 15, 2023, minutes.
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21 4. 6:37 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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- 23 5. **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the minutes from February**
24 **15, 2023 and accept the audio as the official meeting record. Commissioner Nelson**
25 **seconded. Motion carried, as amended.**
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27 Discussion ensued regarding the minutes on page 3, section 7, Work Session #2 Thurston
28 2045 Update. Language changes suggested by Commissioner Wheatley were discussed.
29 Changes were made directly in the minutes by Ms. Chaput.
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31 The audio recording is the official record of the above-dated meetings. The information
32 herein is provided as an overview of the meeting and a road map to the audio recording.
33 Audio is available online on the [Thurston County Planning Commission](https://www.thurstoncountypa.gov/planning-commission) website.
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- 35 6. 6:53 PM. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which
36 public hearings have been held)
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New Business

7. 6:56 P.M. WORK SESSION #1: Open Space
(Staff: Marisa Whisman)

Presentation by Marisa Whisman, which reviewed the Terry application for enrollment in the Open Space program under the Significant Wildlife Habitat Area priority resource category and requested the Planning Commission set a date for the public hearing to take public comments on the enrollment.

Commissioner Nelson commented that there is no native salmon run on the Deschutes River or Spurgeon Creek. Ms. Whisman acknowledged Commissioner Nelson's statement that Coho was introduced into the Deschutes River. She noted that despite being introduced, Coho salmon are now considered a candidate for federal listing, qualifying them as Important Species under the Critical Areas Ordinance. Commissioner Day commented that federal law protects the species. Therefore, if U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines that a species should be listed under the Endangered Species Act, the species is protected no matter where found.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to set a public hearing for May 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm to accept public comments for the Terry Open Space application. Commissioner Wheatley seconded. Motion carried.

Continued Business

None

Other Business

8. 7:06 P.M STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Chaput introduced the new Administrative Assistant assisting with Community Planning, Tosha Knight.

She also stated that Community Planning is now fully staffed, and all docket items have been assigned to planners. Commissioners received a work plan with an estimated timeline for the docketed projects and a list of completed items showing all the successes to date.

She concluded with the following updates on Board items. The Board adopted Ag-CAO changes on March 21, 2023. There is a Public Hearing scheduled for SMP on May 14, 2023. The Thurston 2045 briefing will be held on April 12, 2023, and staff will ask for Board direction. She confirmed that the recommendation letter from PC was included in the briefing packet.

1 9. 7:10 P.M. **CALENDAR**

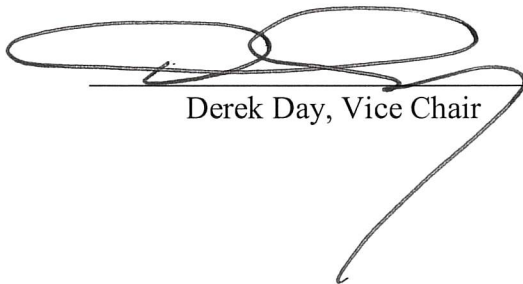
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4 April 19, 2023: Public Participation discussion on Thurston 2045. All plan on attending.
5 May 3, 2023: Public Hearing Open Space, CPA-16 Community Driven Ag. All plan on
6 attending.
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9 10. 7:14 P.M. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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13 11. 7:15 P.M. **ADJOURN**

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15 With no further business Vice Chair Day adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
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20 Derek Day, Vice Chair
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Prepared by Tosha Knight