



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes January 19, 2011

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

Chair Lane called the January 19, 2011 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Chair Chris Lane, Commissioners Edward Fleisher, Christopher Earle, Kathleen O'Connor, Bill Jackson, Liz Kohlenberg & Scott Nelson

Absent: Christine Spaulding

Staff: Andrew Deffobis, Cindy Wilson, Scott Clark & Olivia Story

2. 6:31 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner O'Connor moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

It was decided that the Commission will also be discussing the election of another member this evening as well.

Commissioner Kohlenberg arrived.

3. 6:32 P.M. CAO Update & Distribution: General Provisions, Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots, Subdivision in Critical Areas, Critical Area Signs and Fencing, Surety Agreements, Amendments, and Enforcement – Violations – Penalties Chapters

Staff: Scott Clark, Andrew Deffobis & Cindy Wilson

Mr. Deffobis gave the Commission a binder with a few sections of the draft Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) for review. General Provisions, Nonconforming Uses, Subdivisions, Signs and Fencing, Surety Agreements, Emergency Authorization, Amendments and Enforcement – Violations and Penalties are the titles of the draft chapters that were handed out. The rest of the draft chapters are not completed at this time but staff is hopeful to have them handed out to the Commission by the first meeting in February. A discussion ensued in regards to each draft that was handed out. After the discussion another hand out was given to the Commission that was also a draft but was the reworked table of contents for the CAO.

Commissioner Nelson arrived.

4. 7:05 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: Open Space

Staff: Olivia Story

Chair Lane gave a brief overview of the public hearing process. The purpose of this particular hearing is to discuss a proposed 2011 open space-open space tax program application. A sign-in sheet has been provided for members of the public who wish to testify.

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2 Ms. Story explained that the open space tax program allows the land to remain open and
3 preserve wildlife by giving property owners incentive to not develop to the fullest potential
4 by lowering the taxes. This particular property is 25 acres, farm and agricultural
5 conservation land, fish-rearing and habitat-ponds and streams. Staff recommends approval of
6 the application.
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8 **Chair Lane opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.**
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10 *No public comment was given.*
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12 **Chair Lane closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.**
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14 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to recommend approval of the parcels**
15 **listed in the application into open space. Commissioner Kohlenberg seconded.**
16 **Motion carried.**
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18 **5. 7:13 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public**
19 **hearings have been held.)**
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21 An unidentified member of the audience asked why the last two planning commission
22 meeting agendas were posted with an incorrect link on our website.
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24 *Staff will check into the agenda that is posted for the January 5, 2011 and the January 19,*
25 *2011 Planning Commission meetings.*
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27 The official audio is available on line at:

28 http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html
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30 **6. 7:40 P.M. COMMITTEE SET-UP FOR ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION**
31 **OFFICERS**
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33 The Planning Commission discussed what the duties of the committee would be and it is
34 basically to call each Planning Commission member currently serving to see who they will be
35 nominating and if they plan on continuing to serve. The next step after that is completed is to
36 report back to the entire Commission as a whole the results. Commissioners Scott Nelson
37 and Kathleen O'Connor volunteered to be on the committee.
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39 **7. 7:45 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**
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41 Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- 42 • The new FEMA flood maps have come out and Central Services will be posting them
43 as soon as possible on line for viewing.
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45 **8. 7:57 P.M. CALENDAR**
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47 February 2, 2011 – All Commissioners will be in attendance
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1 9. 7:58 PM ADJOURN

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3 With there being no further business, Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.
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Chris Lane, Chair

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10 Prepared by Carrie Toebe, Recording Secretary