



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

2 Commissioner Nelson called the May 4, 2011 meeting of the Thurston County Planning
3 Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

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5 **Attendance:** Commissioners, Christine Spaulding, Jennifer Davis, Kathleen O'Connor,
6 Edward Fleisher, Bill Jackson, Liz Kohlenberg & Scott Nelson

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8 **Absent:** Chair Chris Lane, Christopher Earle

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10 **Staff:** Andrew Deffobis, Cynthia Wilson, Jeremy Davis, Scott Clark & Donna Button,
11 Department of Ecology

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13 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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18 **3. 6:31 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
19 **public hearings have been held.)**

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21 1. *Andy Markos – 3130 S. 38th Street Tacoma, WA 98409 – Submitted written comment.*
22 *Mr. Markos commented on the CAO and the concern that PSE (Puget Sound Energy)*
23 *has with the just a few parts of the draft specifically with work within the right of way.*
24 *Mr. Markos works for PSE.*

25 2. *Angela White – 1211 State Avenue NE Olympia, WA 98506 – Submitted written*
26 *comment. Has frustration with reviewing the new draft CAO with the old CAO and*
27 *has requested staff to make a translation table. Ms. White works for the Olympia*
28 *Master Builders.*

29 3. *Dave Peeler – 6437 54th Avenue NW Olympia, WA 98503 – Believes that relying on a*
30 *state program for protection of a habitat is probably misplaced at this point.*

31 4. *Jim Laza – P.O. Box 1423 Olympia, WA 98507 – Owns property in Thurston County*
32 *and is an avid bicyclist. Believes the work staff is doing is very important in*
33 *protecting the rural character of our county.*

34 5. *Jean Stillwell – 1111 Woodard Avenue NW Olympia, WA 98502 – Promotes staff in*
35 *the rewriting of the CAO, and hopes that it continues to protect our environment.*

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37 **4. 6:42 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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39 **Commissioner O'Connor moved to approve the April 6, 2011 minutes and accept**
40 **the audio as the official record. Commissioner Spaulding seconded. Motion**
41 **carried.**

1 **5. 6:43 P.M. Set Public Hearings for June 1, 2011 – Mineral Lands Designation –**
2 **GMA Compliance Issues**

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4 **Commissioner Spaulding moved to set a public hearing for Mineral Lands**
5 **Designation – GMA Compliance Issues on June 1, 2011. Commissioner O’Connor**
6 **seconded. Motion carried.**
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8 **6. 6:43 P.M. Work Session: Critical Areas Ordinance – Wetlands – Use Table and**
9 **Requirements**

10 *Staff: Andrew Deffobis, Cynthia Wilson, Jeremy Davis, Scott Clark and Donna Button,*
11 *Department of Ecology*
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13 Mr. Clark explained to the Commission that staff would be taking them through the
14 Wetlands Use Table and Requirements and would be providing them with comparisons
15 with other jurisdictions and policy options on how they would like to see the county
16 approach to accept these buffers.
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18 Mr. Deffobis then discussed the materials that were given to the Commission at this
19 meeting. Chapter 24.45 was handed out and the Commission was asked to attach it
20 within their CAO binder.
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22 Ms. Button then talked to the Planning Commission on her work for Ecology and with
23 other jurisdictions on updating their Critical Areas Ordinance. The table then was
24 discussed and can be viewed on the Planning Commission website referenced above.
25 A discussion ensued.
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27 *Liz Kohlenberg arrived.*
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29 At the next Planning Commission meeting the Reasonable Use Exemption will be
30 discussed. An outline was also given to the Commission about what is left to discuss.
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32 **7. 8:08 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**
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34 Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- 35 • Kathleen O’Connor has been reappointed to the Planning Commission for another
36 term.
- 37 • Scott Clark will be in Cambodia May 12th through the 31st so Cynthia Wilson will
38 be conducting the Planning Commission meetings till his return.
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40 **8. 8:09 P.M. CALENDAR**
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42 May 18, 2011 – All Commissioners will be in attendance.
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44 **9. 8:10 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
45 **public hearings have been held.)**
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47 With the Planning Commission having extra time it was decided that if further public
48 comment was requested that the public could speak once again.
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1 1. *Jim Zahn – 4443 Frontier Court SE Olympia, WA 98501 – Commented on public*
2 *testimony that was given at the last Planning Commission meeting about land not*
3 *being owned by the individual that sit on the land in essence that property owners*
4 *have no real rights to their own land that the land belongs to everyone.*
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6 **10. 8:14 PM ADJOURN**

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8 With there being no further business, Commissioner Nelson adjourned the meeting at
9 8:14 p.m.
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Scott Nelson, Commissioner
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16 Prepared by Carrie Toebbe, Recording Secretary