

# THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Thurston County Courthouse Complex  
Building #1 - Room 152  
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98502



## MINUTES

### Wednesday, October 20, 2004 Regular Meeting

#### 1. Call to Order

Commissioner Lyman, followed by introductions of the Thurston County Planning Commission members, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

##### a. Attendance

##### Thurston County

Members Present: Liz Lyman, Bob Bower, Craig Ottavelli, Margaret Paradise, Joyce Roper, Tom Cole, George Darkenwald, Chris Lane and Liz Kohlenberg.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Sonnen, Ryan Andrews, Robert Mead and Cami Petersen

##### b. Approval of Agenda

**Commissioner Paradise moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kohlenberg seconded. The agenda was approved.**

#### 2. Public Communication

None.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

**Commissioner Ottavelli moved to approve the Minutes from September 1, 2004 and September 29, 2004 and to accept the tapes from both meetings as the official record. Commissioner Paradise seconded. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Lyman requested that the September 1, 2004 tapes be reviewed again as she believed Mr. Welter had indicated that the Planning Commission be briefed by staff without a quorum as long as the Planning Commission used their good judgment – as long as the Rules of Procedure are not changed.

#### **4. Briefing – Critical Areas: Marine**

*Staff: Ryan Andrews*

Mr. Andrews began the discussion on the Marine Habitat Areas section of the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance and the Planning Commission began reviewing the draft document titled: Preliminary Draft - Amendments to the Critical Areas Regulations TCC 17.15.700 Important Wildlife Habitats and Species, Marine Habitat Areas, 10/20/04. Mr. Andrews provided two color maps that he passed around for the Planning Commission members to review. The Planning Commission asked for a hard copy of the Best Available Science document for this chapter and Mr. Andrews will provide those to the Planning Commission by mail.

The Planning Commission found when reviewing the draft document that many of the Marine Habitat Subcommittee's recommendations had not been incorporated in the Marine Habitat Chapter. Mr. Sonnen explained that those changes had not been incorporated yet in the Marine draft. He reiterated that the Planning Commission should only focus on the track changes portions of this draft document as the items Mr. Andrews is asking the Planning Commission to review this evening. Commissioner Lyman explained that she had substantive changes from the subcommittee work on this chapter and she will email staff those changes at a later date. A discussion followed.

The Planning Commission finished their review of the Marine Habitat Areas chapter. Commissioner Lyman will email Mr. Andrews with additional changes to this chapter.

#### **5. Briefing: Critical Areas: Aquifer Recharge**

*Staff: John Sonnen*

Mr. Sonnen began the briefing of the draft document titled: Committee Draft, TCC 17.15.500 Critical Areas, Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, 10/13/04. Mr. Sonnen introduced Robert Mead, Thurston County Hydro geologist. Mr. Mead provided an array of maps depicting Thurston County aquifers, provided an overview of where those aquifers are located, and how the ground water movement occurs within the county. The Planning Commission asked questions of Mr. Mead.

Mr. Sonnen announced that the discussion on the Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas chapter would be continued to the next Planning Commission meeting on November 3, 2004.

#### **6. Staff Updates**

Mr. Sonnen provided the Planning Commission with a tentative calendar for the remainder of 2004 and the beginning of 2005.

#### **7. Calendar**

The following Planning Commissioners will be absent:

**November 3, 2004** – Cole

**November 10, 2004** – Cole

**November 17, 2004** – Cole, Paradise

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

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Liz Lyman, Chair  
Tom Cole, Vice Chair

# Thurston County Planning Commission

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

DATE OF  
REQUEST

ISSUE/REQUEST

AUTHOR

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