MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Thurston County Planning Commission
Wednesday, January 5, 2000
County Courthouse Complex
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Building 1 - Room 152
Olympia, Washington 98502

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bower, followed by introductions of Planning Commission members.

   a. Attendance

   Members Absent: Brian Fagernes, Peggy Paradise
   Staff Present: Fred Knostman, Don Krupp, Sandy Norton and Sandie Stephenson

   b. Approval of Agenda

   The agenda was approved as submitted.

   c. Introduction of New Recording Secretary

   Mr. Knostman introduced Sandy Norton the new recording secretary. Mr. Knostman gave a background of Ms. Norton's history with Thurston County and briefly went over her new duties as the Land Use Clerk.

   d. Approval of Minutes

December 1, 1999 Minutes:

Commissioner Cole asked that the following changes be made on Page 3, third paragraph from bottom, second sentence after it says “stated that” to remove the remainder of that paragraph and add “one does not have to be in a flood plain to have flood insurance.”
Commissioner Frost moved, seconded by Commissioner Deatherage to approve the minutes for December 1, 1999 as amended. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Lyman and Reiner abstaining.

2. Public Communications

None.

3. Election of Officers

Chair Bower opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Lyman nominated Commissioner Bower for Chairman. Commissioner Frost seconded the nomination. Commissioner Bower accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Bower opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Frost nominated Commissioner Lyman for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Deatherage seconded the motion. Commissioner Lyman accepted the nomination. Motion Carried unanimously.


Mr. Knostman gave a brief overview of the approved 2000 advance planning work program. He stated that although agenda states approved 2000 Advanced Planning Work Program IT is still a working document. He stated that Jackie Kettman was promoted to senior planner after Lynn Dosheery left. The associate planner position was froze because of the budgeting process. In addition, Ms. Kettman has submitted request to go on leave of absence for 6 months. Mr. Knostman stated that staff is currently in the process of hiring an associate planner. Mr. Knostman briefly went over the 2000 work program as staff thinks it will go. He stated that staff will keep the Planning Commission updated as they have more information.

Mr. Krupp stated that the board is interested in having a thorough service delivery discussion aimed at what the county will be doing the following year 2001 in regard to implications of Initiative 695. The Board has put together a balanced budget this year, one where there is little impact this year. The Board is aware that more will need to be done in the upcoming years, so they are preparing to have a discussion with all the departments about what to do about the budget and how things might be accomplished in different ways.

Commissioner Reiner commented on article in paper about combining City/County services because of Initiative 695.
Mr. Knostman state that if there is anything on work program that the Commission has questions about, let him know.

Mr. Knostman briefly went over some possible future changes in advance planning work process.

5. **Planning Commission and Staff Updates**

Commissioner Lyman gave a brief update on the Salmon Creek Basin committee meetings.

Mr. Knostman noted that the board public hearing on the Critical Area Ordinance Amendment is January 26, 2000 at 6:00 and the Moratorium public hearing in January 31, 2000 at 6:00.

Mr. Krupp gave brief update on the landslide hazard areas.

Mr. Krupp announced that he has been invited by Jennifer Belcher to go to work for her at the State Department of Natural Resources in a Deputy Supervisor position. Mr. Krupp stated this was a marvelous opportunity. He has been invited to run their Aquatic Resources and Forest Resources Divisions in the agency. Mr. Krupp is thrilled and ready for the challenge. He stated he has enjoyed working with the Planning Commission and the time that he has been here we have made great strides in working together and have done a lot working together. Chair Bower congratulated Don Krupp for doing a great service to the people of Thurston County.

Commissioner Cole commented on the jail discussions. A short discussion followed.

Mr. Krupp shared the intensive discussions that took place with the budget that involved a significant fee proposal for the department.

Ms. Frost suggested that people think about having Planning Commission meetings at 6:00 or 6:30 rather than 7:00. She request this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. Deatherage asked if being short staffed on planners has an impact on services. Mr. Knostman stated that there is no affect yet, but, there is about to be and this is why staff is trying to get the position filled immediately.

6. **Calendar (Tentative)**

The Planning Commission agreed to cancel the January 19, 2000 meeting.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2000.
7. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Bob Bower, Chair