MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Thurston County Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 2, 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 Present: Leo Deatherage, Bob Bower, Tom Cole, Peggy Paradise, Barbara Frost, Brian Fagerness, Janet Reiner and e.j. Curry

      Members Absent: Liz Lyman

      Staff Present: Fred Knostman, Mark Cook, and Jackie Kettman

   b. Approval of Agenda

      The agenda was approved as submitted.

   c. Approval of Minutes

      January 5, 2000 minutes:

      Commissioner Frost and Commissioner Deatherage asked that their names be spelled correctly.

      January 5, 2000 minutes were approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Paradise and Commissioner Fagerness abstaining.

2. Public Communications

None.
3. **Briefing: Drainage Manual Revision**

Mr. Cook gave a brief overview of the Drainage Manual Revisions, the background of how these revisions came about and the key issues. Mr. Cook stated that last year storm water managers from the various communities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County elected to move forward in a revision to the Thurston County Drainage Manual. Mr. Cook spoke briefly of the rational behind what is driving these revisions. Mr. Cook stated that their were two key significant proposals they are reviewing that have the potential to have significant impact on development proposals relative to the amount of land space that is going to be required to manage storm water. Mr. Cook stated that if the Planning Commission is interested on how the revisions are progressing throughout the year he would be willing to come back to give the Planning Commission an ideal of the ramifications on land use proposals that may come out of these revisions. Mr. Cook handed out a Memorandum dated February 2, 2000 (produced for this meeting) to all present Planning Commission members which summarizes the background, key issues, treatment, flow control and proposed revisions of the Thurston County Drainage Manual. Mr. Cook stated this memorandum would be a useful tool to share with our Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Bower asked about the dollar amount being spent on the study versus activity and if there is money in the budget to do the activity. Commissioner Bower also commented on storm water runoff. A short discussion followed.

4. **Planning Commission and Staff Updates**

Commissioner Frost briefly discussed the possible change of the Planning Commission meeting time. A unanimous decision was made that the meeting time would remain at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Kettman handed out a tentative Planning Commission calendar for the upcoming year and a tentative schedule for the proposed 2000 Advanced Planning Work Program for Thurston County. Mr. Knostman asked the Planning Commission what type of field trips they would be interested in taking. Several suggestions were made (farm tour, Ag committee, Briggs Nursery, proposed quasi judicial comp plan amendments). A short discussion followed with Mr. Knostman agreeing to research some field trip options, sites, and dates.

Mr. Knostman gave a brief update on the public Board hearing for the Critical Area Ordinance Amendments that was held January 26, 2000 and an update on the public Board hearing for the High Groundwater Moratorium that was held January 31, 2000. Mr. Knostman stated that the Board will be adopting the Critical Area Ordinance and they will also be adopting the Building Code Amendments. The Board will continue the moratorium for the Salmon Creek Basin area for another four months. Mr. Knostman stated that there will be a joint meeting with the Board and Tumwater City Council to see if Tumwater is interested in participating. Assuming Tumwater is interested in participating Thurston County will work jointly with the City of Tumwater to listen to stakeholders to see what additional regulations would be necessary for Salmon Creek Basin area on an interim basis until the planning is completed.
5. **Calendar (Tentative)**

The Planning Commission agreed to cancel the February 16, 2000 and March 1, 2000 regularly scheduled meetings.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2000.

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Bob Bower, Chair