MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Thurston County Planning Commission
Wednesday, June 7, 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 7:05 p.m. by Chair Bower, followed by introductions of Planning Commission members.

   a. Attendance

      Members Present: Leo Deatherage, Bob Bower, Brian Fagernes, and Liz Lyman

      Members Absent:  Janet Reiner, Barbara Frost, Peggy Paradise, Tom Cole, and e.j. Curry

      Staff Present: Fred Knostman, Jennifer Hayes, Sandy Norton

   b. Approval of Agenda

      The agenda was approved as submitted.

   c. Approval of Minutes

      May 17, 2000 minutes:

      No action taken by the Commission to approve the May 17, 2000 meeting minutes. Not enough members to form a quorum.

2. Public Communications

None.


Ms. Hayes gave a brief overview of the 2000 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposals. Ms. Hayes stated there are six Comprehensive Plan Amendments and gave a brief overview of each one using the information packet that was made part of the Commission mailing. Ms. Hayes handed out an updated version of the Quasi-Judicial Amendment 2, attachment B, which is Chapter 21.39 - Light Industrial/Commercial District amendment proposal. Ms. Hayes stated that the changes were in the numbering and some wording. Ms. Hayes also stated that the title for the tan staff report on
the Board-Initiated Amendment was mislabeled CO-2 and should read CO-1. A short discussion followed.

Ms. Hayes handed out a document titled Amendment (Incorporating the Y2/Y3) to the City of Yelm 1995 Comprehensive Plan and Joint Plan with Thurston County dated June, 2000. Ms. Hayes stated that this is a City initiated amendment by the City of Yelm. Ms. Hayes stated the document is the staff report which was prepared by a consultant for the City of Yelm. The document is being handed out early to give the Commission time to familiarize themselves with the document and to formulate questions. Ms. Hayes stated she would make arrangements to have the consultants and planner from Yelm to attend the July 5, 2000 Commission meeting if further information is needed on this proposal. Ms. Hayes stated that a copy of these documents will be mailed out to the Commission members not in attendance. Ms. Hayes also stated that the Yelm City Council already adopted the Y2/Y3 alignment and this would be a change to the Yelm Transportation Plan to reflect the actual path of the bypass corridor.

Ms. Hayes handed out the following two documents:

1. Thurston County Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Chapter 6, Capital Facilities Plan dated June 21, 2000, and

Ms. Hayes stated that Marie Cameron will begin briefing the Commission at the June 21, 2000 regularly scheduled meeting. Ms. Hayes also stated that the documents are being handed out to allow the Commission enough time to review the materials. Ms. Hayes also stated that if the Commission has any questions regarding these documents, they can contact Marie Cameron.

In Summary, Ms. Hayes stated that more briefings are to come and a hearing date will be set during the July 5, 2000 Commission meeting. Ms. Hayes also stated that the tentative hearing date is scheduled for August 2, 2000.

4. **Briefing: ESA Response**

Mr. Swartout briefed the Commission using the May 31, 2000 memorandum that was made part of the Commission mailing. The three topics discussed were:

1. The draft 4 (d) Rule.
2. Ecology’s Shoreline Master Program Guideline Amendments.
3. Current Tri-County negotiations.

Mr. Swartout handed out a document titled A Thurston County Endangered Species Activities Monthly Report. This report provides an update on the Endangered Species Act related to activities within Thurston County. Mr. Swartout stated this monthly report is sent electronically to both Ms.
Hayes and Mr. Knostman and if the Planning Commission is interested in receiving a monthly copy that Ms. Hayes can make that available.

Mr. Swartout also handed out a copy of the draft 4(d) Rule. Mr. Swartout stated the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) issued the draft rule for the protection of the Puget Sound Chinook. Mr. Swartout also stated that NMFS is to issue the final 4(d) Rule on June 19, 2000.

Mr. Swartout handed out a copy of the ESA Public Outreach Work Plan. Mr. Swartout stated that this is a schematic of the work plan being developed. Mr. Swartout stated that an inter-jurisdictional ESA work group (approx. 15 members) was created and made up of cities including City of Yelm and Tenino, Squaxin Tribe, Chehalis Tribe, Nisqually Tribe, Conservation District and the County. Mr. Swartout stated that three meetings have been held and the purpose of the meetings is to coordinate a coordinated response among all jurisdiction on ESA issues.

Mr. Swartout stated that the ESA work group has approved the public outreach program which has also been approved by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC). Mr. Swartout also stated that TRPC has received a $12,000 grant to help fund this public outreach effort.

Mr. Swartout stated that once the 4(d) Rule has been adopted the ESA work group will be going out on the road to meet with the development community, environmental community, agricultural community, farming community, and all city councils to do a presentation on the final 4(d) Rule. Mr. Swartout stated that once this rule is adopted enforcement will not occur within the first five to six months to allow enough time to train the public on what the rule really means. A discussion followed.

Mr. Swartout expressed interest in updating the Commission on a regular basis rather than once a year. The Commission agreed.

5. **Planning Commission and Staff Updates**

Mr. Knostman gave a brief update on the jail project. Mr. Knostman stated that the Board is considering converting the first floor of the 3400 building (Tyson Building) to 180 beds with minimum security. Mr. Knostman stated that the Board is also considering constructing a Coroners office. Mr. Knostman also stated that the Board is working on a new Public Health building which will be located at a site off Lilly Road. Short discussion followed.

Ms. Hayes gave a brief update on the Development Regulations Round One. Ms. Hayes stated the Board public hearing is scheduled for June 26, 2000. Ms. Hayes also stated that the Board made a change from what the Commission had recommended regarding the language in the replacement of mobile and manufactured homes. Ms. Hayes stated the wording now indicates to replace a mobile or manufactured home with a new one rather than specifying single/double/triple wide.

Ms. Hayes gave a brief update on the Joint Planning Commission Meeting. Ms. Hayes handed out an agenda for the June 26, 2000 joint meeting. The joint meeting will be held at the Tumwater City Hall training room and is to begin at 6:30 p.m. A short discussion followed.
Mr. Knostman gave a brief update on Cooper Point. Mr. Knostman stated the Growth Hearings Board will be holding a meeting June 13, 2000, Tumwater Best Western Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Knostman updated the Commission on the vacant Senior Planner position. Mr. Knostman stated that there are 12 candidates which will be narrowed down to five with interviews being held during the last week of June.

Mr. Knostman brought up a suggestion, requested by an absent Commission member, that when staff know that meetings are only going to be about one hour long, they should combine the agendas and only have one meeting for that month. It seems more efficient to this Commission member to have one 2 or 3 hour meetings instead of 2 one hour meetings. Mr. Knostman stated that the upcoming meeting agenda will be busy so he did not feel that was a possibility right now.

Mr. Knostman stated that staff advance planning staff from all jurisdictions are meeting on June 22, 2000 to talk about all the Comprehensive Plan Amendments, where we are this year, what the schedule is for next year, and how to schedule all the updates on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Knostman stated that we will be having the ten year review, which is mandatory, by the year 2005. A short discussion followed.

Mr. Knostman updated the Commission on the Salmon Creek Basin Area. Mr. Knostman stated that the City of Tumwater is still discussing pulling the boundary in. Commissioner Lyman stated that a recommendation was being drafted by the Stakeholder Committee to encourage people to keep trees on their properties. Mr. Knostman stated that once the letter is finalized a copy will be forwarded to the Commission. Mr. Knostman also stated a Board briefing is being held on June 20, 2000.

6. **Calendar (Tentative)**

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2000.

7. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned 8:10 at p.m.

Bob Bower, Chair