MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Thurston County Planning Commission
Wednesday, July 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 Present:  Leo Deatherage, Bob Bower, Tom Cole, Peggy Paradise, Janet Reiner, and Liz Lyman

       Members Absent:  Brian Fagernes, Barbara Frost 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, June 7, 2000 and June 21, 2000 minutes:

       Commissioner Cole moved, seconded by Commissioner Deatherage to approve the minutes for May 17, 2000.  Motion carried unanimously.

       Commissioner Deatherage moved, seconded by Commissioner Lyman to approve the minutes for June 7, 2000 as amended.  Motion carried unanimously.

       Commissioner Cole moved, seconded by Commissioner Deatherage to approve the minutes for June 21, 2000.  Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Reiner abstaining due to being absent.
2. **Public Communications**

None.

3. **Briefing/Set Hearing - 2000 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Associated Regulations**

Ms. Hayes displayed photographs of the Y2 and Y3 corridors which pictured the existing site and the preferred alternative. Ms. Hayes gave a brief overview of the proposal. A short discussion followed. Ms. Hayes asked the Commissioners if they had any final questions about any of the 2000 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposals before setting the public hearing. There were no questions.

**Set Hearing:**

*Commissioner Lyman moved, seconded by Commissioner Paradise to set a public hearing on the 2000 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Associated Regulations for August 2, 2000 at the Thurston County Courthouse in Building 1, Room 152, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. open house, hearing begins at 7:00. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. **Planning Commission and Staff Updates**

Mr. Knostman briefly discussed the Cooper Point appeal. Mr. Knostman stated that a decision has not yet been received but is expected the first week of August.

Mr. Knostman stated that the County has been awarded grants totaling 2.3 million dollars.

Mr. Knostman gave an update on Green Cove Creek. Mr. Knostman stated that city staff will be briefing the City of Olympia Counsel on July 25, 2000 and the Board on August 1, 2000 at 9:45 a.m. to update the Commissioners on the planning process.

Mr. Knostman gave an update on Salmon Creek. Mr. Knostman stated that the materials of the Salmon Creek Stakeholder Committee recommendation were taken to the Board and the Board directed staff to look at preparing possible solutions for air conditioning/heating systems to make sure they are elevated two feet above the known high ground water elevation. Mr. Knostman stated that proposed ordinance revisions are being worked on and that these revisions would need to be determined to be an emergency and adopted on an interim basis. Mr. Knostman also stated that the Stakeholder Committee meets one more time and will be briefed on the status of the project. A discussion followed.

Mr. Knostman gave an update on the hiring of a new Senior Planner. Mr. Knostman stated that interviews have been conducted and references are being checked.
Ms. Hayes gave a brief update on the progress of the 2000 Development Regulation Amendment Proposals. Ms. Hayes stated the Amendments have not yet been adopted and that staff is preparing for a follow-up work session with the Board of County Commissioners on August 1, 2000. Ms. Hayes stated that the Board had questions regarding alterations of nonconforming structures in the amendment packet and that more discussion of using 50 percent of current assessed value as a regulatory threshold was needed. Ms. Hayes stated that the Board may want to look at some other options for a threshold to determine when an alteration triggers new standards. Ms. Hayes also stated that the current language as recommended by the Planning Commission has not yet been abandoned and the staff who worked on the draft amendment were meeting again on July 12, 2000 to discuss the Board’s concerns. A discussion followed.

5. **Calendar (Tentative)**

Planning Commission agreed to cancel the July 19, 2000 regularly scheduled meeting due to the lack of agenda items. The work session on preliminary 2001 work program ideas, which was scheduled for topic on July 19, will now be on the August 16, 2000 agenda.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2000.

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Bob Bower, Chair