MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Thurston County Planning Commission
Wednesday, October 16, 2002
County Courthouse Complex
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Building 1 - Room 152
Olympia, Washington 98502

1. Call to Order

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

a. Attendance

Members Present: Bob Bower, Peggy Paradise, Brian Fagernes, Tom Cole and Mark Lovrien
Members Absent: Barbara Frost and Liz Lyman
Staff Present: Jennifer Hayes, Fred Knostman and Sandy Norton

b. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

c. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2002

Commissioner Cole moved seconded by Commissioner Paradise to approve the minutes for October 2, 2002. Motion carried.

2. Public Communications

None.


Ms. Hayes handed out a discussion outline and highlighted proposed changes to the Natural Resource Lands policies in Chapter 3 of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan. The draft revisions were made part of the Commission mailing. The following was discussed:

*Draft Staff Report: Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Chapter 3 (blue)*

Ms. Hayes stated that annual monitoring for mines would be added to the first sentence on page 5 (item L).

Ms. Hayes spoke briefly on the two pending suggestions noted on page 5. 1) Consider exempting mines from an expiration of their Special Use Permit after three years of inactivity – Ms. Hayes stated that a condition could be noted on the permit, and a code change may not be necessary at this time. 2) Prohibiting asphalt plants within a certain distance of environmentally sensitive and residential areas-
Commissioner Cole expressed his concern with the location of asphalt plants. The Commission discussed the Nisqually case and the different expert analyses presented in that case that did not prove a health impact from that asphalt plant. The Commission decided not to promulgate new regulations for asphalt plants, but rely on the extensive environmental review currently done when a plant is proposed. The Commission did decide to add a warning about asphalt plants to the resource use notice required for new development locating near mineral lands of long term commercial significance.

Commissioner Lovrien referenced item G on page 3, and expressed concern with the lack of knowledge, consistency and quality of customer service by the permitting staff relating to agricultural issues. Staff agreed to pass this issue on to the Director of Development Services.

**Proposed Amendments to the Thurston County Building Code, Mineral Extraction Code, Forest Lands Conversion Ordinance, Platting and Subdivision Code and Zoning Code (brown, Attachment 2)**

Ms. Hayes handed out a revised draft, which is to replace the draft included in the Commission mailing. Ms. Hayes highlighted the proposed changes and stated that two technical changes were made to the Mineral Extraction portion of the code. The changes are underlined on pages 4 and 5 of the revised draft and were recommended by the County’s Prosecuting Attorney to clarify that expansions of existing mines must meet current requirements of the Mineral Extraction Code.

**Outstanding Issues**

   a) Kaufman/Cascade Sand & Gravel – Request to add additional 40-acre parcel to the south of the existing designated property.

   Commission agreed to propose the designation of the entire site.

   b) Lakeside Industries – Request to add 300+ acres of their ownership/lease to currently designated 80 acres.

   Commission agreed to consider designating additional portions of ownership as described on the map, which was part of the handout.

B. Mineral Lands Map Corrections - Ms. Hayes handed out a map of the designated mineral resource lands in Thurston County depicting additional designation sites. Ms. Hayes stated that technical updates will be added to the Comp Plan and “Official” maps, and will be part of the public hearing.

C. Development Moratorium on Forest Practice Permits (harvest area vs. entire parcel)

Commission agreed to maintain the six-year moratorium for the entire parcel.

**Commissioner Lovrien moved seconded by Commissioner Fagernes to set a public hearing on the Chapter 3 of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan and associated development regulations**
for November 20, 2002 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be located at the Thurston County Courthouse Bldg. #1.

4. Planning Commission and Staff Updates

Transportation and Land Use Forum

Ms. Hayes stated that Thurston Regional Planning Council is hosting the forum on October 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center. Contact Thurston Regional Planning Council at 754-5480 for more information.

5. Calendar

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2002.

Commissioner Paradise stated she would not be able to attend the November 6th meeting.

Commission agreed to cancel the December 18, 2002 regular scheduled meeting.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Bob Bower, Chair
Peggy Paradise, Vice Chair
## Thurston County Planning Commission

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

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<td>Legal position of the Commission relating to inviting private interest groups to a Commission meeting to provide a presentation on their point of views on a topic when inviting a governmental agency to speak on a topic. Chair Bower also wanted to know the number of private interest groups the Commission would need to invite.</td>
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