MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Thurston County Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 5, 2003
County Courthouse Complex
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Building 1 - Room 152
Olympia, Washington 98502

1. **Call to Order**

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

   a. **Attendance**

Members Present: Thomas Cole, Liz Lyman, Liz Kohlberg, Margaret Paradise, Craig Ottavelli, Joyce Roper and Mark Lovrien
Members Absent: Bob Bower, Brian Fagernes
Staff Present: Fred Knostman, Nancy Pritchett, John Sonnen, Jeff Fancher and Cami Olson

   b. **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Lyman would like to review the paragraph she had drafted to be included in the Rules of Procedure to be included in that document. The agenda was approved as amended.

   c. **Approval of Minutes**

January 15, 2003 minutes:

Commissioner Lyman asked that the following changes be made:

1. Page 2, paragraph five, first sentence should read: Ms. Pritchett summarized the Open Space Tax Program application submitted by the Willits on tax parcel number 12904130000.
2. Page 2, number 6, third paragraph should read: Commissioner Lyman asked…
3. Page 2, number 6, fourth paragraph should read: Commissioner Bower stated…
4. Page 3, first paragraph should read: Commissioner Bower asked if the tower plans…
5. Page 3, second paragraph should read: His third concern is that he would like to see the WCF’s kept out of residential…
6. Page 3, fourth paragraph should read: Mr. Sonnen suggested that they clear the agenda for February 5th in order to allow as much time as necessary on this issue. Mr. Sonnen asked that…
7. Page 3, seventh paragraph should read: Commissioner Bower said he had requested that a paragraph be added to the Rules of Procedures stating…
8. Page 4, fifth paragraph should read: Commissioner Bower suggested that the county consider providing a pamphlet with information about the types of services a rural resident can expect from the county, which would include topics such as private septic systems and wells.
Commissioner Lovrien moved to approve the minutes as amended, Commissioner Paradise seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Roper, Commissioner Ottavelli and Commissioner Cole abstaining.

2. Public Communications

None.

3. Worksession: Draft Ordinance Wireless Communication Facilities

Mr. Sonnen briefly gave an overview and opened the discussion of the draft ordinance dated January 16, 2003, titled “Wireless Communication Facilities and Antenna Support Structures” to be finalized for the public hearing on February 27, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Sonnen suggested the removal of the citizen suggestion in the second paragraph of Section 146.2 regarding the definition of Antenna. Commissioner Lyman asked if there are any regulatory definitions that define emissions. Mr. Sonnen explained that radio frequency emission issues are not expanded on because this is not allowed for consideration due to Federal Regulations. Commissioner Lyman stated that the definition should be kept consistent with generally accepted definitions. Commissioner Cole stated that it would be better to stick with definitions that science has without trying to explain the frequencies involved.

Mr. Sonnen explained Section 20.33.05, Item 3, in which a citizen had suggested to include “property values” in the list of items for protection. Mr. Sonnen explained that he had received comments from citizens and staff showing concern that this is a proxy of effects of radio transmissions. Commissioner Roper stated that citizens have felt that the environmental affects of the radio frequency emissions can reduce property values and that the citizens think this should be considered. Commissioner Cole stated we should not include information that we cannot support. Commissioner Roper stated that including property values would allow an avenue for citizens to show their concerns regarding changing property values. The applicant would be able to bring in information to support their position regarding these issues. It was decided to discuss this further at another time.

Commissioner Lyman suggested that archaeological sites be recognized and included within the document. Mr. Sonnen suggested adding this to item 20.33.03, Item 1. The Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Sonnen recommended the Citizen suggestion under 20.33.050, Item 1i, be removed. Commissioner Roper asked if the responsibility to dismantle a cell tower runs with the land, or if this becomes the second or third property owners responsibility and how would they have notice of this. Commissioner Lyman asked if the county, at this time, requires the operator to carry liability insurance in case the tower falls, and is that an issue the commission should consider. Mr. Sonnen explained that the county does not have a requirement of carrying liability insurance on structures under the Uniform Building Code, so the county cannot see adding this as a requirement for Wireless Communication Facilities. The Planning Commissioners agreed that a title report for a piece of property should give notice to the property owner that the property owner will be responsible for dismantling a cell tower that is located on the property.

Commissioner Lyman referred to Section 20.633.05, Item bii and asked if a structure is deemed unsafe and is an imminent danger, would this language allow structures to continue to stand for 180 days? It was decided to remove the word “unsafe” in this paragraph.
The discussion was changed to the Rules and Procedures document:
Commissioner Lyman requested that her paragraph be inserted in Article IV, Section A, paragraph 6. It was decided to remove “the Vice Chair” and insert “another member”. The Commissioners agreed to insert this paragraph as amended.

The discussion concerning the draft Wireless Communications Facilities was continued:
Mr. Sonnen recommended a change to section 20.33.050, Item 3ai, to read “The balloon shall be flown for at least four consecutive daylight hours between 9a.m. and 7p.m.” The Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Fancher recommended that Section 20.33.060, Item b, have the notification time frame be increased from ten (10) days to thirty (30) days. The Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Lyman referred to Section 20.33.080, Section 1d1 and asked if the location of the rookeries were known and if data where available to the applicant. Mr. Knostman stated that rookeries change over time. It was decided to add “threatened” so the paragraph will read, “Department of Fish and Wildlife or listed as threatened or endangered species under…” It was also decided to remove the words “or daily movement” from the paragraph.

4. Discussion: City Liaison Assignments

It was decided to discuss this at a future meeting.

5. Planning Commission Staff Updates

Discussion was held concerning the details of the public meeting to be held at on February 27, 2003. It was decided to allow public testimony to be limited to five minutes.

The tour of the quasi-judicial sites will be on April 12, 2003.

Mr. Knostman asked the Commissioners if they would like to have one or more public meetings concerning the Lacey Joint Plan. It was decided that one public meeting will be held concerning the Lacey Joint Plan.

6. Calendar (Tentative)

The Planning Commission agreed to cancel the February 19, 2003 meeting.

The next Planning Commission meeting is a special public meeting scheduled for February 27, 2003, at the Lacey Community Center at 6:30p.m. Commissioner Lovrien will not attend the February 27, 2003 special meeting. Commissioner Cole will not attend the meetings on February 27, 2003 and March 5, 2003.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Mark Lovrien, Vice Chair
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