MINUTES – Regular/Public Meeting

Thurston County Planning Commission
Wednesday, June 2, 2004
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Building 1 - Room 280
Olympia, Washington 98502

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Lyman, followed by introductions of the Thurston County Planning Commission members, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

   a. Attendance

Thurston County

Members Absent: Margaret Paradise, Joyce Roper

Staff Present: John Sonnen, Nancy Pritchett and Cami Petersen

   b. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Lyman requested that the Agenda order be changed to the following: Agenda items 5 through 8 shall follow the current Agenda item #3.

Commissioner Bower moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Cole seconded. The Agenda was approved as amended.

   c. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2004

Commissioner Kohlenberg moved to approve the Minutes from May 13, 2004. Commissioner Bower seconded. Motion carried.

   d. Acceptance of Tapes as Official Record

Commissioner Lyman accepted the tapes of the May 13, 2004 meeting as the official record.

2. Public Communication

None.

3. Staff Updates
Ms. Pritchett stated that two additional meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the following dates and asked that the Planning Commissioners check their schedules for availability:

- July 25, 2004 at 7pm room 280
- August 25, 2004 at 7pm room 280

Commissioner Ottavelli stated that he might be unavailable for the July 25, 2004 meeting. The other Planning Commissioners were available for both of those dates.

The additional meeting dates will be tentatively scheduled.

4. **Discussion: Start Time For Planning Commission Meetings**

Some members of the Planning Commission had requested that the starting time for regular meetings be changed back to the previous schedule starting at 7p.m. A discussion followed.

**Commissioner Cole moved to change the regular meeting time to 7:00 p.m.** Commissioner Kohlenberg seconded. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the June 16, 2004 meeting.

The Planning Commission discussed the possibility of moving their meetings to room 280 of Building One of the Courthouse Complex. A discussion followed.

**Commissioner Ottavelli moved to change the location of the Planning Commission meetings to room 280 of Building Number One of the Courthouse Complex.** Commissioner Cole seconded. Motion carried.


5. **Discussion: Set Date for Planning Commission Retreat (Sept. 18, 2004 is tentative date)**

The Planning Commission Retreat was tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2004 at Kennydell Park. The Planning Commission discussed their availability for a meeting on that date. The Planning Commission agreed to check their schedules and confirm the date for the Retreat at a future meeting.

6. **Discussion: Subcommittee to review Capital Facilities Plan**

The Planning Commission had planned to create a subcommittee to discuss the changes and suggestions that they would like to make to the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) this year. Due to a misunderstanding with staff and time constraints, the Planning Commission will not have the opportunity to form a subcommittee for this year’s CFP. The Planning Commission will be able to form a sub-committee for next years draft
CFP. Ms. Pritchett provided the Planning Commission with a schedule for the 2004 CFP.

The Planning Commission requested that Mark Swartout update the Planning Commission at a future meeting on the suggestions the Planning Commission had made to staff at the special meeting concerning the CFP that was held on August 20, 2003.

7. **Briefing: Critical Areas - Riparian**  
   Staff: John Sonnen

Mr. Sonnen began the discussion of the draft document titled: Preliminary Draft Amendments to the Critical Areas Regulations, TCC 17.15.700 Important Wildlife Habitats and Species Riparian Habitat Areas, dated March 24, 2004. The discussion included the following:

Buffer requirements applied to type 4 and 5 streams
- Problems and limitations of filter strips
- The impact of pollutants near type 4 and 5 streams
- The need to protect the undeveloped lands still containing native vegetation as opposed to already developed lands which are not protecting the stream
- Restoration of degraded riparian habitats in exchange for reductions in the standard habitat widths
- Intensive and Low Impact uses near type 4 and 5 streams – what limitations do you place on those types of uses

The Planning Commission agreed to get public comment on the following three alternative buffer width requirements for type 4 and 5 streams: 100-foot buffer, 100-foot buffer with 50-foot reduction for higher impact use with mitigation, and 50-foot buffer for low impact use.

- Allowing width reduction on type 1 and 3 streams that have been degraded in exchange for habitat restoration in urban growth areas
- Do not allow manure storage due to the high impact within riparian areas
- Definition of agriculture includes –livestock. Are nontraditional pets (e.g., llamas, horses) included in the definition for livestock?
- Groundwater, wetlands and ponds within the Riparian management zone - leave in the language concerning groundwater and ask for public comment on this topic

The meeting adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Liz Lyman, Chair
Tom Cole, Vice Chair
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### SUMMARY SHEET

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