THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Thurston County Courthouse Complex
Building #1 - Room 152
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98502

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 2004 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Lyman, followed by introductions of the Thurston County Planning Commission members, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

   a. Attendance

Thurston County
Members Present: Liz Lyman, Margaret Paradise, Joyce Roper, George Darkenwald, Chris Lane and Liz Kohlenberg.

Members Absent: Bob Bower, Craig Ottavelli and Tom Cole

Staff Present: Nancy Pritchett, John Sonnen, Robert Meade and Cami Petersen

b. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Paradise moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lane seconded. The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Roper moved to approve the Minutes as amended from October 13, 2004 and to accept the tapes from the meeting as the official record. Commissioner Paradise seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lyman requested that the following changes be made:
   a. Page 2, Item 4 Calendar: Tom Cole will be absent
   b. Page 3, Item 5 Worksession – Critical Areas: Marine, number 6: The last sentence shall be changed to read “Commissioner Lyman will supply staff with the Planning Commission’s comments on this issue and the join comprehensive plans, which will be added to the letter that staff will help the Planning Commission draft.”
Commissioner Paradise moved to approve the Minutes as amended from October 20, 2004 and to accept the tapes from the meeting as the official record. Commissioner Roper seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lyman requested that the following changes be made:

a. Page 2, Item 4 Briefing – Critical Areas: Marine, second paragraph: This paragraph should read – “The Planning Commission found when reviewing the draft document that many of the Marine Habitat Subcommittee’s recommendations had not been incorporated in the Marine Habitat Chapter.” The last sentence of that paragraph shall be changed to read –“Commissioner Lyman explained that she had substantive changes from the subcommittee work on this chapter and she will email staff those changes at a later date.”

b. Page 2, Item 7 Calendar: Commissioner Paradise will be absent on November 17, 2004

3. Public Communication

None.

4. Staff Updates

Staff: Nancy Pritchett

Ms. Pritchett stated that Commissioner Cole had requested the following information:

- An updated organizational chart – the chart was provided with the Planning Commission’s mailing for tonight’s meeting.
- Information regarding the difference between legislative and quasi-judicial actions by the Planning Commission. A copy of TCC 20.59 was provided in the Planning Commission’s mailing for tonight’s meeting.
- Mr. Fancher had provided Ms. Pritchett with documentation concerning previous court cases concerning whether or not decisions made were legislative. Ms. Pritchett provided the Planning Commission with a handout highlighting these court cases.
- Commissioner Lyman provided the Planning Commission with a copy of a presentation by Elizabeth Petrich, Thurston County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, concerning the topic of legislative actions vs. quasi-judicial.

Ms. Pritchett reminded the Planning Commission that the Board of Commissioners would be holding a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan update on November 15, 2004.

Commissioner Lyman requested information at a future meeting concerning the criteria used to determine the DNS (Determination of Nonsignificance) process. Ms. Pritchett stated that she would contact Cynthia Wilson, Associate Planner, as request that she provide a briefing to the Planning Commission on this topic.
5. **Calendar**

Ms. Pritchett reviewed the Tentative Calendar for upcoming meetings. A tentative meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2004 to continue the Briefing on Critical Areas: Aquifer Recharge if necessary.

The following Planning Commission members will be absent:

- **November 10, 2004** – Cole, Ottavelli, Bower, Kohlenberg
- **November 17, 2004** – Paradise, Cole, Roper, Lane (may be absent)

6. **Briefing: Critical Areas: Aquifer Recharge**  
   **Staff: John Sonnen**

Mr. Sonnen informed Commissioner Kohlenberg that he has not yet received the map she had requested, but should receive it soon.

Mr. Sonnen and Robert Mead, Thurston County Hydro geologist, began the briefing of the draft document titled: Committee Draft, TCC 17.15.500 Critical Areas, Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, 10/13/04. Mr. Sonnen provided several maps which illustrated wellhead information, critical aquifer recharge areas, etc. The Planning Commission asked questions of Mr. Sonnen and Mr. Mead.

- Well regulations within the UGA – The protection of private wells; the possibility of tapping into municipal wells if a private well is contaminated or becomes unusable; the restrictions on drilling a new well within these areas.

  The Planning Commission decided to change the well-types from types 1, 2 and 3, back to types a, b and c. The Planning Commission agreed that this would be easier to read and distinguish the type of wells the document is discussing. It was also suggested that a name be given to each type of well in order to give it even a greater clarification. The Planning Commission members will email any suggested well-type titles to staff.

- Gravel Mines – the Planning Commission discussed the groundwater contamination need for regulations pertaining to dumping of garbage within decommissioned gravel mines. The Planning Commission discussed the regulations placed on decommissioned mines and whether fencing the mine area would control dumping in these areas until a plan becomes available for redevelopment.

- Mr. Sonnen provided a handout for a proposed change to page 17, section L, number 2 Springs. The Planning Commission agreed with the change.
• Class A drinking water – what contaminates are tested in drinking water? Are pharmaceuticals tested for or is the testing only looking for fecal coliform? How long does it take for chemicals to degrade? Mr. Sonnen will check into this with the Department of Ecology.

• Mr. Sonnen explained that after the Planning Commission’s review, this chapter will be then sent to the conservation districts and state agencies for review and comment.

Commissioner Lyman requested that Mr. Sonnen provide additional information concerning oil and water separation and how are water-soluble pollutants dealt with.

The Planning Commission will continue this discussion at the November 10, 2004 special meeting.

7. Discussion Items

The Planning Commission agreed to postpone this discussion to a future meeting. The items for this discussion will include the following:
• Consider amending Section IX(A) of the Rules of Procedure to reduce the requirement for submitting minority reports from three or more concurring Planning Commissioners to one or more.
• Consider changing the policy to allow public comment at our meetings on all non-quasi-judicial matters, except those for which hearings have already been held.
• Consider adding the Planning Commission’s URL to the agenda.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Liz Lyman, Chair
Tom Cole, Vice Chair
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