1. **7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER**
Commissioner Liz Kohlenberg called the August 22, 2007 special meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Commissioners Liz Kohlenberg, Chris Lane, Liz Myers, Scott Nelson, and Kathleen O’Connor

**Excused:** Commissioners Tom Cole, Craig Ottavelli, Joyce Roper, and Rhenda Strub

**Staff:** Mark Swartout, John Sonnen, Aimee Swenson, Dale Rancour, Cynthia Stewart, Kerry Hibdon, Scott Clark, Dan Treatt, and Recording Secretary Cheri Lindgren

2. **7:01 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lane moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner O’Connor seconded. Motion carried.

3. **7:01 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner O’Connor moved to approve the August 1, 2007 minutes and accept the audio as the official recording with the following correction: within the fifth bullet under staff updates on page 3, correct McClain to “McLane.” Commissioner Lane seconded. Motion carried as amended.

4. **7:02 PM B: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

*(Staff: Mark Swartout and Aimee Swenson)*

Ms. Swenson reported there are five comprehensive plan amendments on the docket. Staff will brief members on the Tumwater Parks Plan and the County’s Capital Facilities Plan (CFP).

Mr. Swartout clarified the difference between Chapter 6, CFP document and the supplement to the draft CFP text. The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) adopts the CFP with the budget in December each year. A final CFP will be posted on the website. He explained the concept and purpose of placeholders. The County is not able to pursue projects unless identified in the CFP.

**7:08 PM** Mr. Swartout provided a PowerPoint presentation giving Commissioners a general overview of the 2008-2013 CFP. An annual update schedule was presented. Key
Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements, GMA planning goals, required content, and penalties for non-compliance with GMA were reviewed. A CFP decision-making process flow chart was offered.

7:15 PM New and dropped projects, projects completed in 2007, six-year totals and future funding decisions were reviewed for parks, solid waste, stormwater, water and sewer, and transportation facilities, and County buildings.

7:17 PM Mr. Swartout noted the stormwater rate boundary has been extended and covers unincorporated Thurston County in its entirety. Mr. Scott explained in further detail the reason why certain projects were dropped from the stormwater facilities element.

7:19 PM A majority of the new water and sewer six-year projects concern Grand Mound and include purchasing additional water rights.

7:27 PM Discussion ensued about how the County prioritizes sidewalk and/or street widening projects, which are primarily grant driven, and a Carpenter Road project proposed for 2009-2010 between Martin Way and Pacific Avenue.

7:33 PM Mr. Swartout reviewed financial impacts. The 2008-2013 CFP totals $201,818,357 compared to $190,680,496 last year.

7:34 PM Several Commissioners suggested a table of contents for Chapter 6 would be useful.

7:36 PM Chuck Denney, City of Tumwater Parks and Recreation Department Director, briefed Commissioners on Tumwater’s draft Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. He described the City’s update process. Tumwater Parks Commissioners approved a final draft and forwarded it to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan to the Council. The Council will discuss the draft plan at a September 10, 2007 worksession. Mr. Denney reviewed the table of contents, chapter elements, and appendices.

7:41 PM Discussion followed about how proposed, or modifications to existing parks, were sequenced, cost recovery, and plans to acquire land for additional play fields (soccer, baseball, softball). In response to questions from Commissioner Lane, Mr. Denney said currently there is high demand for additional soccer fields. Tumwater has four soccer fields in addition to school district fields.

7:45 PM Commissioner Kohlenberg commented she is impressed with the draft plan. It is easy to read and clearly written. Director Denney reported Tumwater plans to create a new website that would function as a countywide recreation clearinghouse. Commissioner Kohlenberg added that she is pleased open space and wildlife corridors are priorities within the draft plan.

7:55 PM Commissioner O’Connor referred to page 63 and asked if the proposed Salmon
Creek Woods project is within Salmon Creek Basin. Mr. Denney affirmed the location and indicated a playground and access is proposed southwest of the airport.

7:56 PM Conversation followed about the gate to Belmore multipurpose trail proposed along the Williams Gas Pipeline trail.

Mr. Denney noted two significant projects are a community center with a swimming pool and acquisition and restoration of the Old Tumwater Brewery.

Ms. Swenson indicated she would forward an updated version of the draft plan that includes the appendices to Commissioners, County Parks Board, and staff. Staff will compile and send a report to members prior to the public hearing.

8:03 PM MOTION: Commissioner O’Connor moved to schedule a public hearing to consider comprehensive plan amendments for September 19, 2007. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

5. 8:04 PM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE) AND ATTENDANCE
   • August 29, 2007: B: Comprehensive Plan Amendments: (Commissioners Lane and O’Connor unable to attend.)
   • September 5, 2007: W: Critical Areas – Wetlands

6. 8:09 PM STAFF UPDATES
   Mr. Sonnen announced he recently resigned his position with the County effective November 9, 2007.

   Mr. Sonnen reported the BoCC adopted a rural rezoning alternative; however, it reconsidered the decision that becomes effective Monday, August 27, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Prairies and oak stands were removed from the critical areas section. The BoCC may schedule a public hearing in September to solicit additional public comment.

7. 8:11 PM ADJOURNMENT
   MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Commissioner O’Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Liz Kohlenberg, Commissioner

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