1. **7:00PM CALL TO ORDER**
   Chair Roper called the August 29, 2007 special meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

   **Attendance:** Chair Joyce Roper, Commissioners Liz Kohlenberg, Scott Nelson, Liz Myers, and Rhenda Strub.

   **Excused:** Commissioners Craig Ottavelli, Chris Lane, and Kathleen O’Connor.

   **Staff:** Michael Welter, Aimee Swenson, and Recording Secretary Jessica Tate

2. **7:02 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

   Chair Roper requested a minor revision of the agenda.

   **MOTION:** Commissioner Cole moved, seconded by Commissioner Kohlenberg, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

3. **7:04 PM STAFF UPDATES**

   Mr. Welter introduced Aimee Swenson and Randy Kline as newly hired Thurston County Planners.

   Mr. Welter provided a detailed description of recent and future staffing transitions. Staff understands completion of the Critical Areas Ordinance is the main goal of the Commission. The goal is to attain improved staffing service to help the Commission succeed in completing its work plan.

   **7:34 PM** Commissioner Kohlenberg reported modification of the Planning Commission Work Plan might be warranted. Chair Roper said there will be good discussions to pursue with the facilitator at the Commission’s September 5, 2007 meeting.

   **7:42 PM** Mr. Welter advised that he is available to answer any questions throughout the
transition process.

4.  **7:46 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Roper reported the August 1, 2007 minutes and audio were approved at the last meeting. However, the minutes cannot be signed until “McLane Creek” is corrected at the bottom of page 3.

5.  **7:48 PM 2007 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**  
    *(Staff: Aimee Swenson)*

Kathy McCormick, AICP, Senior Planner, Thurston Regional Planning Council, reviewed the amendments to City of Yelm Introduction and Transportation Chapters.

Ms. McCormick reported the challenge for the Commission is to review the City of Yelm Transportation Chapter and identify which goals and policies should be a part of the joint plan. Staff provided asterisked preferences and will provide any additional feedback from the City of Yelm Planning Commission’s public hearing at the Commission’s September 19, 2007 meeting.

Chair Roper requested the City of Yelm also review asterisked changes for potential comment. Ms. Swenson acknowledged the request.

8:01 PM Jan Weydemeyer, Senior Planner, Community Planning and Development, City of Olympia, reviewed the amendment to the City of Olympia Environment and Utilities Chapter.

Chair Roper requested deferral of the item to the next meeting to give the Commission adequate time to review the amendment.

Ms. Weydemeyer reviewed the amendment to the City of Olympia Transportation Chapter.

6.  **GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT COMPLIANCE – UPDATE ON THE URBAN GROWTH AREA SIZING EVALUATION**

The item was deferred to the September 5, 2007 meeting.

7.  **8:15 PM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE) AND ATTENDANCE**

**September 5, 2007:** (Chair Roper will not attend. Commissioner Myers might not attend.) The Commission will complete items 5 and 6. The W: Critical Areas – Wetlands discussion will be scheduled for the October 3, 2007 meeting.
**September 19, 2007:** (Chair Roper and Commissioner Cole will not attend the meeting.)
H/W/A: 2007 Comprehensive Plan amendments

8. **8:19 PM ADJOURNMENT**  
   There being no further business, Chair Roper adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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Joyce Roper, Chair

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