1. **6:33 PM CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lane called the June 17, 2009 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:33 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Chris Lane, Commissioners Kathleen O’Conner, Scott Nelson, Liz Myers, Karen Rogers, Tom Cole, William Jackson and Christopher Earle.

**Excused:** Commissioner Liz Kohlenberg

**Staff:** Jeremy Davis, Corina Hayes, Tim Smith, Jay Eden, Jan Weydemeyer and Cami Petersen

County Commission Sandra Romero

**6:33 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Commissioner Cole moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

2. **6:34 PM PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)**

There was no public communication.

3. **6:34 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the June 3, 2009 minutes. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

4. **6:35 WORKSESSION: OLYMPIA AMENDMENT**

**Staff:** Jeremy Davis, Jan Weydemeyer

Mr. Davis and Ms. Weydemeyer provided the Commission with a brief overview of the proposed amendment to the Parks, Arts and Recreation Chapter of the Olympia Joint Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment would clarify the definition for “service area” for the community parks, special use, and open space parks categories to include the City of Olympia and the Olympia Urban Growth Area (UGA).

The Planning Commission (Commission) had no questions on the proposed amendment.

Mr. Davis stated that this is a small amendment that staff will group with larger amendments in the near future and the Commission will take action on this and other amendments in the fall of this year.
5. **6:35 PM WORKSESSION: TUMWATER 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN**  
Staff: Tim Smith, Jay Eden, Jeremy Davis  

Tim Smith, City of Tumwater Planning Manager and Jay Eden, City of Tumwater Public Works Director provided the Commission with an overview of the City of Tumwater 2025 Transportation Plan. The City of Tumwater proposes adoption of the City’s 2025 Transportation Plan (Plan) into the Tumwater/Thurston County Joint Plan. The Plan assesses existing and future conditions of the transportation network for the City and its unincorporated UGA. The Plan identifies deficiencies in the system and road projects that address the deficiencies.

Mr. Smith provided the Commission with a brief Power Point presentation which highlighted the following:

- Background, requirements and what the Plan will do
- Plan overview – the regional goals, existing 2005 conditions and the future 2025 projected conditions
- Future land use and zoning of the city
- Level of service (LOS) – how efficient is a roadway: Level A = good, Level F = not moving
- Plan overview – divides the City into four plan areas
- Street classifications
- Map showing 18 of the projects identified in the 2025 Plan

**Commissioner Myers arrived.**

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**Commissioner O’Connor arrived.**

- Conclusion and staff recommendation – this is a key component of the Comp Plan and staff recommends the Commission hold a public hearing and recommend adoption of the plan.

The Commission asked questions of staff which included: financing for the proposed projects, the reason the Littlerock Rd project stopped and why the plan does not show off street bicycle routes. A discussion ensued. Mr. Davis stated that staff will provide the Commission with a map showing both on-street and off-street bicycle routes and connections. The Commission asked that this map also be placed in the proposed Plan.

The Commission asked staff why there are level E and F intersections which are not corrected with this new plan. Staff explained that there are certain areas that they are unable to “build their way out of” this service level because of existing layout and conditions. A discussion ensued concerning the LOS of roadways in Tumwater.

6. **7:05 PM WORKSESSION: WORKING LANDS**  
Staff: Corina Hayes, Jeremy Davis  

Ms. Hayes and Mr. Davis provided the Commission with a brief overview of the Working Lands Plan (Plan) which has had some minor policy changes made by the Ag Committee.
(Committee). Staff explained that the Commission will review the changes, make comment and their comments will be taken back to the Committee. Two public open houses will be held for public comment on the draft Plan, the public comments will be brought back to the Commission who will then hold a public hearing in the fall of this year.

Ms. Hayes explained that an Executive Summary was created which provides a better summary of the overall Plan. The Committee approves the format of the Executive Summary.

A discussion ensued concerning the fact that two Commissioners did not receive the Working Lands packet in the mail early enough to review the document. Staff stated that those Commission members can email comments in at a later date, after having more time to read through the documents. Staff also stated that they will begin putting all packet items on the website for the Commission to review prior to receiving the mailed packets. Ms. Petersen will continue to email the Commission the agenda, and the agenda will list the packet items at the bottom which will now be posted online with the agenda.

The Commission asked questions about funding sources and a discussion ensued concerning the impact on the general fund and fund matching.

The Commission also asked questions and discussed the purchase of development rights, primarily the process and how Development Rights are transferred, purchased and whether they are in perpetuity or if that can be reversed at a later date. Commissioner Nelson and staff explained the scoring process involved in the selling of Development Rights.

The Commission went over the additions made to Chapter 3 Natural Resources of the Comprehensive Plan and minor corrections were made.

7. **8:00 PM STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Davis provided the following staff updates to the Commission:

- The 2009 Official Docket of the Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the Commission was provided a copy of the Docket. Mr. Davis explained the Tier’s and which items the Commission will focus on this year. The BOCC has extended the final adoption date to March 2010, which allows staff and the Commission additional time to work on the Docket items.
- Mr. Davis explained that Scott Clark has been working on grant funding and asked the Commission if they would be willing to cancel the July 1st meeting. The Commission agreed to cancel this meeting. County Commissioner Romero provided information concerning the grants that Mr. Clark is working on.

9. **8:07 PM ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Vice Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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Chris Lane, Chair