THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes June 16, 2010

1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Lane called the June 16, 2010 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission
to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Chair Chris Lane, Commissioners Scott Nelson, Tom Cole, Christine
Spaulding, Bill Jackson and Liz Kohlenberg

Absent: Kathleen O’Connor, Edward Fleisher and Christopher Earle

Staff: Cindy Wilson, Molly Levitt, Andrew Deffobis, Tony Kantas

6:31 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Cole
seconded. Motion carried.

2. 6:31 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public
hearings have been held.)

James Zahn (3323 Yelm Highway SE Olympia, WA) a member of the audience came
forward to talk to the Commission about presenting his findings on the Chambers Ditch
shoreline management request for addition into the Shorelines Management Act. Mr. Zahn
explained that he has written correspondence to staff asking that the Chambers Ditch area be
removed from the Shoreline Management Act. He submitted his written testimony including
attachments A through N to staff and Planning Commission Members.

The official audio is available on line at:
http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

3. 6:39 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cole moved to approve the April 7, 2010 and April 21, 2010 minutes and
accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion
carried.

The following changes were made to the April 7, 2010 minutes:

Page 2, line 35 – Change the word to interest.

The following changes were made to the April 21, 2010 minutes:

Page 1, line 22 – The word were should be spelled where.

Page 3, line 4 – The word riggers is spelled incorrectly change to rigor.

Page 3, line 5 – The word implied should be changed to implemented.
4. 6:39 P.M. WORKSESSION: Critical Areas Ordinance  
Staff: Cindy Wilson & Andrew Deffobis

Ms. Wilson introduced new Thurston County staff member Andrew Deffobis who will be working on the Critical Areas Ordinance. Mr. Deffobis gave the Commission each an attachment with the current process he is taking to update the Critical Areas Ordinance. Also provided was the background on what has been changed within the Critical Areas Ordinance and what changes have been made since the last time the Planning Commission reviewed this subject. A conversation ensued.

Liz Kohlenberg arrived.

5. 6:57 P.M. WORKSESSION: Green Development Code A-13 Solar/Wind  
Staff: Tony Kantas

Mr. Kantas explained that he and a green stakeholders group are trying to find barriers in the code. One barrier that was found within the zoning code is that Solar/Wind Structures are prohibited when they are proposed above the height limitations within their particular zone. The conclusion is to amend the zoning code to include solar and wind energy structures as an exemption to the maximum height limitations. Mr. Kantas explained the different options within the A-13 staff report. A discussion ensued.

After the discussion the Commission requested that Mr. Kantas do further research on height restrictions on wind mills that are attached to a structure and free standing in other jurisdictions.

6. 7:18 P.M. WORKSESSION: Shorelines  
Staff: Cindy Wilson & Molly Levitt

Ms. Levitt explained that during the last meeting the Planning Commission was briefed on the draft shoreline environment designations and staff would like to know if there are further questions, concerns or comments on said draft. A discussion ensued.

7. 7:23 P.M. STAFF UPDATES

Ms Wilson provided the following staff updates:
- The Planning Commission was asked if they would like to continue to receive future Mitigated Determinations of NonSignificance and explained the last one they received in the mail.
- Thurston County Planning is through the docket this year for the Comprehensive Plan updates.

8. 7:25 P.M. CALENDAR

July 7, 2010 – Liz Kohlenberg will not be in attendance
July 21, 2010 – All Commissioners will be in attendance
9. 7:26 PM ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

[Signature]
Chris Lane, Chair

Prepared by Carrie Toebbe, Recording Secretary