1. **6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nelson called the June 19, 2013 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Nelson, Commissioners Bill Jackson, Christine Spaulding, Christopher Earle, Edward Fleisher, Jennifer Davis & Donna Nickerson

**Absent:** Commissioners Kathleen O'Connor & Chris Lane

**Staff:** Jeremy Davis & Scott Clark (Mr. Deffobis was not in attendance)

2. **6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Spaulding corrected the date of the draft August 15, 2013 minutes to the draft August 15, 2012 minutes.

3. **6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)**

*There were no members of the audience at the time of call for public communications.*

The official audio is available on line at:

[http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)

4. **6:31 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the August 1, 2012 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the August 15, 2012 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Spaulding seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Davis abstained.**

**Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the March 6, 2013 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Earle seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Davis abstained.**
Commissioner Spaulding asked Chair Nelson if it was necessary to abstain from voting on a set of minutes and the audio as the official record when they are absent from a meeting. It is up to the member if they decide to abstain or not.

**Commissioner Davis moved to approve the April 3, 2013 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Fleisher seconded.**

No further action was taken but the following suggestions were made by Commissioner Nickerson for additions of verbatim minutes:

Create a better summary of discussion for basin selection, culvert replacement, population growth and if the PC should go forward with the current model. No action was taken.

Line 12, Page 3 – Change 20 years to 30 years
Line 16, Page 4 – Change population number from 152,000 to 252,000

Commissioner Nelson asked to make the following change: Page 2, line 38, change the words “staff met with the Habitat Conservation District” to “staff met with the Conservation District”.

5. **6:45 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- Mr. Clark asked if the PC was interested in cancelling the meeting on July 3rd for the upcoming July 4th Holiday.

**Commissioner Spaulding moved to cancel the July 3, 2013 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Fleisher seconded. Motion carried.**

- Thurston County, the Center for Natural Lands Management, JBLM, State Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife, and Natural Resource Conservation Service were awarded about 3.5 million dollars for readiness and environmental protection initiative grant. Primarily 2.5 million dollars for land acquisition of prairie lands and ag type lands. A press release around July 14th should be posted.
- Mark Swartout, Natural Resources Program Manager is retiring next week. Mr. Swartout has 24 years with Thurston County. The BOCC has been briefed on his position and was asked to re-staff the position. The BOCC approved the replacement. The PC will be asked to be on the hiring panel for this position at that time.

The PC and staff had a brief discussion on if the State Government should shut down operations what would happen to County operations.

**Audio Time: 00:25:55**
6. **7:20 P.M. Work Session: TC Critical Areas Ordinance Follow-up Amendments**
   
   **Staff: Jeremy Davis**
   
   Mr. Davis gave a brief history on the CAO process that was finished last year. The Thurston County Farm Bureau appealed the CAO on many different issues. The County and The Farm Bureau entered into negotiations at that time and Mr. Davis showed the changes through a power point presentation.

   Shortened are the major changes:

   a. Revise the chapter name to the agricultural activities critical areas ordinance to reflect what they are called in state law.
   b. Clarify the applicability of chapter 17 to apply to agricultural activities as defined in the GMA.
   c. Revised the chapter and all references throughout the TC Code from agricultural use and lands critical areas ordinance to the agricultural activities critical areas ordinance.
   d. Changed all the references in the chapter from agricultural uses and lands to agricultural activities only.

   Some changes were made to Title 24 and are located in attachment A of the staff report and amended the rest of the TC Code to make the other changes.

   Staff requested from the PC that they set a public hearing for the changes. A short discussion ensued.

   Commissioner Fleisher suggested adding a definition to farm residences as a proposed definition was not made by staff. Within the Shoreline Management Act is referenced with the definition of farm residences. A discussion ensued. The PC would like to see the definition of this out of the GMA within the public hearing packet.

   **Audio Time: 00:36:00**

   Commissioner Davis suggested taking out (page 6 of 74) activities and just using the word land. Then also asked staff to check and make sure they are still consistent with how the Comp Plan talks about agriculture if the change is made from agricultural activities from ag uses and lands because the purpose of the letter L is to carry out the goals and policies of the Comp Plan. Mr. Davis will look back into the issue but it did prior to a couple of weeks ago. He will bring a confirmation back to the PC next meeting.

   Commissioner Fleisher suggested changing lands and uses to activities right under the state court verbiage. This will be changed as it was mistakenly left.

   Appendix C was then discussed.
7. **7:33 P.M.** Set Public Hearing: July 17, 2013 CAO Follow-up Amendments  
   *Staff: Jeremy Davis*

   Commissioner Fleisher moved to set a public hearing on the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance Amendments identified by Jeremy within his staff report to occur on July 17, 2013. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.

8. **7:34 P.M.** CALENDAR

   The July 3, 2013 meeting was canceled.

9. **7:34 PM** ADJOURN

   With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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   Scott Nelson, Chair

   Prepared by Carrie Toebbe, Recording Secretary