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

Chair Nelson called the September 18, 2013 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Scott Nelson, Commissioners Bill Jackson, Christopher Earle, Jennifer Davis, Edward Fleisher, Chris Lane, Christine Spaulding & Tim Kramer

**Absent:** Donna Nickerson

**Staff:** Scott Clark, Jeremy Davis, Andrew Deffobis, Mike Kain & Scott McCormick with Resource Stewardship Department & Rick Peters with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office

**Guest:** Veena Tabbutt and Kathy McCormick with Thurston Regional Planning Council, Bobby Cockran and Sam Baraso with Environ

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

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

3. **6:31 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS** (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)

_No members of the audience chose to speak._

The official audio is available on line at:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Earle moved to approve the June 19, 2013 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.

5. **6:32 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Scott Clark provided the following updates:
• Staff has conducted interviews for the Senior Planner and Public Information Officer position. Commissioner Spaulding was on the panel for the senior planner interviews. Staff hopes to have these positions filled by the end of the month.

• Staff is working on getting the new revised AOD back on the table to bring before the PC at the beginning of October.

6. 6:35 P.M. WORK SESSION: Prairie Credit/Debit Methodology
Staff: Jeremy Davis, Andrew Deffobis & Scott Clark

Mr. Clark introduced the consultants from Willamette Partnership (Bobby Cochran and Sam Baraso) that have been working on the credit/debit methodology. They work in partnership with a company named ENVIRON. The credit/debit methodology is intended to support an interim permitting strategy that the County can use while developing their long-term prairie Habitat Conservation Plan for prairie species and habitat. The interim permitting strategy is designed to allow continued development while providing a method for determining habitat impacts and appropriate mitigation. The process is about 85% complete and a model should be completed for review in the next month. A presentation was then given by the two consultants.

The consultant presentation starts at 00:08:17.

There have been four meetings with USFWS, the Consultants, the State and other scientists working through the problem set before them and discussing what would need to go into something to make sure all protections are there, what is feasible and what additional things that need to be looked at.

Commissioner asked what percentage of privately owned prairie land is left within the County and how much the public would be impacted. Mr. Clark will work with staff to bring that information back to the table.

Next month staff will be bringing further information in regards to this process back to the table for the PC. Staff will also be bringing information about fewer impacts on the applicant during review.

There will be a public process for this and the Habitat Conservation Plan but staff wanted something in place prior to any species being listed.

7. 7:18 P.M. WORK SESSION: Sustainable Thurston (time stamp 48:21)
Staff: Scott Clark, Veena Tabbutt & Kathy McCormick with Thurston Regional Planning Council

Mr. Clark started with background information about Sustainable Thurston which was started over three years ago.

Ms. Tabbutt and Ms. McCormick went through a detailed version of the draft sustainable Thurston and what it looks like for the future.
A copy of the presentation that was given to the PC is available online at:
http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_currentwork.html

Mr. Clark has been working with the BOCC in keeping them up to date on the challenges that we will have on growth management and declining budgets to meet the goals within the draft.

8. **8:01 P.M. WORK SESSION: Prairie Credit/Debit Methodology**
   *Staff: Mike Kain & Guy Jaques with the Resource Stewardship Department*

   Mr. Kain presented the new titled TCC 26- Code Enforcement and the process in which has brought it to this point.

   The penalties section and how those are carried out through the Resource Stewardship Department for violations was gone through. With a civil penalty and infraction there is no waiting period.

   Mr. Jaques answered specific process questions. Mr. Jaques investigates complaints and/or violations for the resource Stewardship Department.

   **MOTION: Commissioner Spaulding moved to set a public hearing for TCC – 26 Code Enforcement update on October 16, 2013. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.**

   Discussion ensued about the process of compliance and how it is carried out.

9. **8:38 P.M. CALENDAR**

   October 2, 2013 – Commissioner Nickerson may not be in attendance.
   October 16, 2013 – All Commissioners plan on attending.

10. **8:39 PM ADJOURN**

    With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

    

    Scott Nelson, Chair

    Prepared by Carrie Toebbe, Recording Secretary