THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes October 16, 2013

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

Chair Nelson called the October 16, 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, Chris Lane, Christine Spaulding, Tim Kramer & Donna Nickerson

**Absent:** Edward Fleisher

**Staff:** Scott Clark, Planning Director, Mike Kain, Planning Manager for the Resource Stewardship Department, Rick Peters with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office & Guy Jaques Compliance Officer with the Resource Stewardship Department

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Earle moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Calendar was moved above staff updates.

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

1. *Jim Zahn – 3323 Yelm Highway SE Olympia, WA 98501 – Spoke in regards to finding prairie maps on line and in regards to specific parcels.*

2. *Bonnie Blessing, Vice-Chair of WA Native Plant Society – No Address Given – Spoke in regards to prairies and having surveys done on them.*

The official audio is available on line at:

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

4. **6:46 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- Thurston County has received $150,000 for the Voluntary Stewardship Program. This is contract will be working with WA State Department of Development Systems, Surveys & Services. Once the contract is signed by both parties meetings will begin with the stakeholder groups. The tasking will be to come up with methods of managing critical areas.
USFWS finalized two listings on prairie species. The Streak Horned Lark and the Taylor Checkerspot Butterfly will both receive protection under the endangered species act. The ruling on the Mazama Pocket Gopher remains delayed for another six months. In August 2013 the Oregon Spotted Frog was proposed for listing. The public comment period for the Oregon Spotted Frog runs through October 2013 with a public hearing scheduled for October 21, 2013 with USFWS.

The PC has received a couple of different briefings on the interim permitting strategy. There is still one more round of staff working with the scientists and the technical working group then those results will integrated into the model. PHAM is what the WSFWS is calling the program which means the prairie habitat assessment methodology.

Commissioner Davis asked about the process and who is going to be within the chain of review for applications that are turned into the Permit Assistance Center. She also asked who staff is working at with the State Fish and Wildlife.

Staff works with the GMA group on the state level. The habitat biologist has been active in helping develop the model.

A short discussion ensued.

Chair Nelson called a recess until the start of the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

5. 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: TCC 26 – Code Enforcement Update
Staff: Mike Kain, Resource Stewardship Department & Rick Peters, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office

Chair Nelson opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kain provided a short staff presentation of the changes. Copies of the public comment letters that were received by staff were also given to the PC. A summary of the comments were read along with reasoning for the changes.

Public Testimony was given by the following:

1. Jim Zahn – 3323 Yelm Highway SE Olympia, WA 98501

Chair Nelson closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Discussion ensued specifically in regards to process of issuing a violation and an infraction. In doing so the process was discussed with specific questions from beginning to end.

After discussion Mr. Clark went through the concerns one by one that were brought to staff’s attention. Each concern was satisfied after conclusions by staff.
MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved to recommend approval to the amendments to Title 26 – Code Enforcement as presented by staff with the draft dated October 15, 2013. Commissioner Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney Rick Peters stated that there will be only cosmetic changes done to the amendment and that no substantial changes will be made. Staff and the PC agreed to finish with the motion.

6. **7:44 P.M. CALENDAR**

November 6, 2013 – Tim Kramer will not be in attendance. Jennifer Davis & Christopher Earle are tentative.
November 20, 2013 – All Commissioner will be in attendance accept Christopher Earle who was not in attendance this evening.

7. **7:45 PM ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by Carrie Toebbe, Recording Secretary

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