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

Chair Nelson called the March 19, 2014 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, Jennifer Davis, Christine Spaulding, Tim Kramer, Christopher Earle, Chris Lane, Donna Nickerson

**Absent:** Ed Fleisher

**Staff:** Scott Clark & Cynthia Wilson

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

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

Commissioner Spaulding would like to request a placement on the agenda to discuss further the Minority Report on the North Thurston School District situation with the intent of seeing if there are things we can do to prevent or to further implement the goals of the Growth Management Act. Chair Nelson approved this addition and it will be discussed after the Calendar Update.

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

*No public in attendance chose to speak.*

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. STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

Due to the reorganization at the county, Cynthia Wilson is now the Thurston County Long Range Planning Manager and will also be staffing this meeting going forward.

Mr. Clark stated a meeting was held this week with US Fish & Wildlife on the Habitat Conservation Plan. Together, the work has begun on the interim permitting strategy
which was put in place to allow development that has a potential take to occur providing
we have adequate mitigation which will be determined by the prairie habitat assessment
methodology. In preparation of a potential listing of the Mazama Pocket Gopher, the
department is looking at current applications and sorting them by the potential risk of the
presence of gophers. Thurston County is the only jurisdiction who has a plan moving
forward to deal with this.

5. 6:35 P.M. PRESENTATION: Prairie Expert
Guest: Mary Linders WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Mr. Deffobis introduced Mary Linders, WDFW, who will be providing the Commission with
information about Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly as part of the review of the Habitat
Conservation Plan. Ms. Linders provided information to the Commission. The Commission
asked questions of Ms. Linders and staff.

6. 7:09 P.M. CALENDAR
April 2, 2014 – Nothing on the agenda yet but keeping on the schedule.

7. 7:09 P.M. North Thurston School District Minority Report
The Commission briefly discussed the minority report and its findings. The concluding
thought was that this topic discussion was completed at the last meeting so no further
discussion was necessary.

8. 7:25 P.M. ADJOURN
With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Scott Nelson, Chair

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