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

Chair Nelson called the February 4, 2015 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

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

Absent:

Staff: Cynthia Wilson, Allison Osterberg, Brad Murphy, Molly Levitt, Marisa Whisman

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

MOTION: Commissioner Fleisher moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lane 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

Commissioner Earle moved to approve the February 19, 2014 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Fleisher seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the March 5, 2014 minutes as amended below and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Commissioner Nickerson recommended the following change:

Page 2, Line 18 change the name only of Commissioner “Nickerson” to Commissioner “Spaulding”, and adding in the nay & yea on the vote.
5. **6:35 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Wilson introduced the new planning staff whom were in attendance: Brad Murphy, Senior Planner working on the SMP; Molly Levitt, Associate Planner working on the Deschutes Grant; and Marisa Whisman, Associate Planner and biologist working on the HCP. Another new Associate Planner, Charissa Waters who is working on the Voluntary Stewardship Plan will attend the next meeting. This is the program which is trying to integrate protection of critical areas with agricultural uses. The department is almost fully staffed at this point with most of the positions being granted-funded due to the county’s continued budget limitations. (As requested, an updated roster/staffing list will be provided once the elections take place.)

On an administrative note, Central Services will need to change their new policy of locking the doors at 5:30pm since this does not accommodate public meetings at night. There will also be a potluck with the Commissioners prior to one of the regularly scheduled meetings in the near future.

Ms. Wilson stated that one of the top priorities for 2015 will be the Shorelines grant. Legislative bills which may have an effect on the county are also being monitored. Other projects for this year include the HCP which is in its final year, the SMP, the traditional capital facilities plan, and Science to Local Policy (Watershed Planning project) which ends June 15th. Andy Deffobis will be presenting open space applications which are transferring over from the Assessor’s office. Projects carrying over through 2016 include the Deschutes Watershed grant, and the Comprehensive Plan Update which currently isn’t staffed due to lack of budget. There will be more information on this towards the end of this year and in 2016.

6. **6:45 P.M. ELECTIONS**

Chair Nelson asked for members to serve on the nomination committee and Commissioner Earle and Commissioner Kramer volunteered. The elections will be held at the February 18th meeting.

7. **6:46 P.M. PRESENTATION: LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT CODE**

(Staff: Allison Osterberg)

Ms. Osterberg provided an overview of the Low Impact Development Code project which the county will be working on in the next two years. The presentation will be posted on the website. The commission asked questions and had comments which Ms. Osterberg responded to.

8. **7:25 P.M. CALENDAR**

March 4, 2015 – Commissioner Earle will not be attending.

9. **7:25 PM ADJOURN**
With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Scott Nelson, Chair

Prepared by Polly Stoker, Recording Secretary

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