1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Lane called the May 5, 2010 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

Attendance: Chair Chris Lane, Commissioners Scott Nelson, Kathleen O’Connor, Edward Fleisher, Tom Cole, Christine Spaulding, Liz Kohlenberg & Bill Jackson

Absent: None

Staff: Scott Clark, John Druelinger & Olivia Terwilleger

2. 6:31 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION: Commissioner Cole moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kohlenberg seconded. Motion carried.

2. 6:32 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which public hearings have been held.)
No one chose to speak

The official audio is available online at:
http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html

Motion carried as amended.

3. 6:31 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Commissioner Cole moved to approve the March 3, 2010 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner O’Connor seconded. Motion carried.

The following changes were made to the March 3, 2010 minutes:

Page 2, line 8 – change to say that the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife will be hiring a Prairie Planner to work on the Prairie and Critical Area Ordinance.

Page 5, line 11 – Commissioner Fleisher’s name is misspelled and has been changed.

Page 7, line 3 – Commissioner Fleisher’s name is misspelled and has been changed.

Motion carried as amended.

4. 6:34 P.M. STAFF UPDATES
Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- The EECBG Block Grant is a result of the American Recovery Act, and all different jurisdictions across the county received funding based on the population. In Thurston County we received $617,200 to develop energy efficient programs, projects and policies. A discussion ensued.
  - The Thurston Climate Action Team is now housed administratively in the Thurston County Development Council. They received a $1,000,000 grant to reach out to local businesses to establish the training for retrofitting to save energy.
- The Critical Areas Ordinance is underway and the Planner started last week.
- The Watershed Characterization Grant is underway and is a two year project.
- Staff would like to cancel the June 2, 2010 Planning Commission meeting due to overlap with Board of County Commission Meetings.
- The Maytown Letter will be brought before the Commission next week to review and sign.

5. 6:50 P.M. CALENDAR

May 19, 2010 – Commissioner Tom Cole will not be in attendance
June 2, 2010 – The Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled.

6. 6:51 P.M. WORKSESSION: Follow-up: Mineral Extraction
   Staff: Olivia Terwilleger

Ms. Terwilleger briefed the Commission on the public comments that had been received for the Mineral Extraction Special Use Updates. Staff and Commission discussed the comments. Mr. Clark explained to the Commission proposed text changes and provided further research information that the Commission should review. A discussion ensued.

7. 7:05 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: Open Space
   Staff: Olivia Terwilleger

Chair Lane stated that the purpose of this public hearing was to listen to the proposed one Open Space Tax application and accept public comment. A sign-in sheet has been provided for members of the public who wish to testify. Ms. Terwilleger gave a brief overview of the submitted open space tax application.

Chair Lane opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

No One Testified.

MOTION: Commissioner Cole moved for the approval of the Open Space application. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Cole moved for the approval and signing of the Open Space Fee Schedule letter to the Board of County Commissioner’s. Commissioner Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Lane closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.
8. 7:08 P.M. WORKSESSION: Climate Change
   Staff: John Drulinger

   Mr. Drulinger gave the Commission a brief overview of what the purpose of his position is with Thurston County and what Climate Change research he has been doing and collecting. Mr. Drulinger works with many different jurisdictions and local State Government to come up with the most local analysis of green house gases, pollution etc. This is the direction of data that he will discuss further with the Commission at a later date. Questions were asked of Mr. Drulinger. A discussion ensued.

9. 7:59 PM ADJOURN

   With there being no further business, Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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   Chris Lane, Chair

Prepared by Carrie Toebbe, Recording Secretary