1. **6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**
Commissioner Nelson called the August 25, 2010 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Commissioners Scott Nelson, Edward Fleisher, Christopher Earle, Christine Spaulding, Tom Cole, Kathleen O’Connor and Liz Kohlenberg

**Absent:** Chris Lane and Bill Jackson

**Staff:** Andrew Deffobis, Jeremy Davis, Scott Clark and Cindy Wilson

2. **6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
**MOTION:** Commissioner Cole moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner O’Connor 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 Cole moved to approve the July 21, 2010 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner O’Connor seconded. Motion carried.

5. **6:32 P.M. WORKSESSION: Critical Areas Ordinance**

**Staff:** Jeremy Davis, Andrew Deffobis, Cindy Wilson and Scott Clark

Mr. Clark started the special work session by recapping where staff is with the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) update. The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) were also briefed today on the same process. Many stakeholder groups have also been notified of where staff is at with the update. There have been issues with the table within the document and inconsistencies within the chapters. A new schedule has been proposed to the BOCC in regards to the CAO which they have accepted and staff intends to have the final updates approved by the BOCC with a recommendation from the Planning Commission by February 2011. Next, the open house meeting times and set up were discussed. A plan of action from staff was presented. The Planning Commission asked about how the open house meetings had been advertised.

The Planning Commission has now been given seven of the nine chapters to review. Staff is working on finalizing the last two chapters for further review. Within the Habitat Chapter staff has been working on incorporating language from the interim Prairie Ordinance which
the BOCC renewed earlier in July. Staff also has been working on the Maine Riparian Areas to include simpler language and readability. The table was then discussed to include simpler options.

The Planning Commission then discussed the possibility of having the BOCC either come to a meeting to discuss changes and opinions of changes to the CAO or having their annual Potluck before the public hearing. The Planning Commission requested that staff give them further time to review the public comments after the open house meetings.

Geological Hazards was then discussed starting with D-13 where changes were requested to be made. For clarity it was minor language adjustments. 6-12, had minor language adjustments as well. Sections 1, 2, 3 changes were requested. Subsection two included questions from the Planning Commission in regards to noxious weeds, steep slopes and erosion control. E, F, G, H, I, all had requested changes, comments and questions.

*The Commission took a brief break.*

Letters K (1, 2 & 3), M, N (passive & active recreation), O, P, Q and R had requested changes, comments and questions. Letters J, L, S and T had no comments or questions.

A small discussion ensued about the titles of each sections and the validity of the title name.

5. **8:42 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- Staff and the Planning Commission are making great progress through the Critical Areas Ordinance Text.
- Extra Planning Commission Meetings will be scheduled to further discuss the Critical Areas Ordinance.

6. **8:43 P.M. CALENDAR**

September 1, 2010 – Liz Kohlernberg and Kathleen O’Connor will not be in attendance.
September 8, 2010 – Chris Earle and Kathleen O’Connor will not be in attendance.
September 15, 2010 – All Commissioners will be in attendance

7. **8:45 PM ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Commissioner Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Scott Nelson, Commissioner

Prepared by Carrie Toebbe, Recording Secretary