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

Chair Lane called the July 18, 2012 meeting of the Thurston County Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

**Attendance:** Chair Chris Lane, Commissioners Kathleen O’Connor, Scott Nelson, Christine Spaulding, Christopher Earle, Edward Fleisher, Jennifer Davis & Liz Kohlenberg

**Absent:** Kathleen O’Connor & Bill Jackson

**Staff:** Scott Clark, Jeremy Davis & Chris Hawkins with PHSS

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

**MOTION:** Commissioner Earle moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

3. **6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the November 16, 2011 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Davis moved to approve the February 1, 2012 minutes and accept the audio as the official record. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

4. **6:32 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. Clark provided the following staff updates:

- The mineral lands final decision from the Growth Hearings Board came into the County today. They found the County out of compliance in two areas. They did not find the Comp Plan or development regulations invalid so the rules are still in effect. The compliance deadline has been extended to January 13, 2013.

- The Critical Area Ordinance will be taken before the BOCC on Tuesday July 24, 2012. Staff has been working on it non-stop to get it completed.

5. **6:33 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

6. 6:32 P.M. CALENDAR

August 1, 2012 – Chris Earle may not be in attendance.
August 15, 2012 – Liz Kohlenberg will not be in attendance.

Chair Lane called a brief recess for five minutes. (4:40)

7. 6:40 P.M. WORK SESSION: Health Chapter CPA
   Staff: Chris Hawkins, PHSS & Jeremy Davis

Mr. Clark introduced Chris Hawkins again who is with Public Health with a brief overview. At the June 6th meeting Mr. Hawkins gave a power point presentation and the Planning Commission (PC) asked him to come back with further information on particular questions they had.

The first question was why does health belong in the Comprehensive Plan? Public Health has been trying to educate people for years that there is a strong connection between the way a community is developed, it’s built and designed with the behavior that people have living there. The connection is putting health objectives and growth management in land use planning. A big emphasis in public health is on how to get public transportation systems to support daily moderate physical activity.

Another question was that a lot of data was put in to the draft chapter but it wasn’t specific to a certain area of the county that the Comp Plan has power to control. There is data that public health can make a confidence statement on the health of population, zip code, school district boundaries, perception and practice which is incorporated vs. unincorporated and environmental health water quality maps and data.

Research on opportunities for healthy eating, physical activity, community design and built environment done in more urban settings can be adapted and applied to more rural ones to show examples for people that will seem more relevant to where they live.

A simple concept linkage between the two is landuse, what is an appropriate zoning for this area, are the rules and regulations that should apply within the zones in return affects the availability of land for farming, growing things and agriculture. With all of these things within an area it is much easier to supply a steady supply of food that is a lot healthier i.e. fruits and vegetables in farm stands etc.
Commissioner Nelson brought up a point that with intensity of use and infrastructure it can affect water quality which includes drinking water. This is a concern as well and a short discussion ensued about how the two collaborate with each other.

Concerns were discussed about how the PC didn’t think there was a clear problem statement about why the Chapter is needed especially when looking at the rural area. The connections and storytelling around them are very important for communication and it doesn’t state why now and why this Chapter. In Public Health they are looking at how to create the kind of connections that make it easy for someone to do if they wanted to add sidewalks to make biking or walking easier. The hope is to make the standards sync to create healthier life styles.

Through further conversion many of the PC members still wanted further information in regards to how this Chapter was going to fit into the Comprehensive Plan. They also did not feel it was necessary to mandate particular items into the Chapter as they are people’s personal choices on how they eat, exercise etc. to take care of themselves. The only item they thought was appropriate discussion was how they received health insurance. This Chapter is a great idea but how it is associated with land use and if the PC should be making these types of decisions over other docket items is still unclear.

Mr. Clark tried to answer some of the PC’s questions in starting with that it has taken at least a couple of years for this draft chapter and idea to come before them. No other docket items were displaced over this chapter coming before the PC and the BOCC is still debating the issue and how it will fit into the Comp Plan. The BOCC is trying to figure out how to get Public Health in what is considered a Comp Plan to where it’s getting the full view or look by Public Health. He also gave some examples like LOTT and reclaimed water.

Further discussion ensued about why public health items should be within the Comp Plan and what steps may or may not be taken to review this draft Chapter. It was also discussed that maybe even a Public Health Strategic Plan may be more appropriate for this subject.

Mr. Hawkins continued his presentation with the last slide showing how to communicate with the community more directly about the Chapter. The idea is to have a couple of open houses that enable the public to come in and watch staff give an over view of the process including start middle and end then have a question and answer period. This would also provide time for the public to view a simpler display format of the process of adoption and how Public Health brought the process to this particular point.

Mr. Hawkins thanked the PC for all of their comments and suggestions and will be going back to consider all of their points before returning with further information. Any further comments can be sent directly to him.
8. **7:47 PM ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Chris Lane, Chair

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