



Meeting Minutes - Final

Planning Commission

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Wednesday, January 25, 2023

6:30 PM

Via Zoom or In Person

1. CALL TO ORDER

Thurston County Planning Commission Chair Casino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Zainab Nejati, Vice Chair Greg Quetin, Commissioner Tracey Carlos, Commissioner William Hannah, Commissioner Carole Richmond and Commissioner Aaron Sauerhoff

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Tammy Adams, Commissioner Rad Cunningham and Commissioner Candi Millar

Others Present:

Thurston County Commissioners: Eric Casino (Chair); Doug Karman (Vice-Chair); Barry Halverson; Jim Simmons; Derek Day; Joel Hansen; Kevin Pestinger; Helen Wheatley

Thurston County Staff: Associate Planner Leah Davis and Senior Planner Maya Teeple

City of Olympia Staff: Senior Planner Cari Hornbein

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.A [23-0073](#) Recommendation on the Joint Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Davis presented a Power Point and provided an overview of the Olympia Joint Plan and recommended changes which were added at the request of the Planning Commissions at the last meeting regarding future goals and policies to be included in the joint plan for protection of farmland in the UGA, how and when UGA boundaries are evaluated and considering area plans in a future update. Also added was context about why some areas exist in the Joint Plan in downtown and corridors. To note, the slides represented tonight include some updated language from the memo which was sent prior to the meeting. Those changes were also reviewed. The Glenmore Village application was then reviewed again. The Planning Commissions had questions to which Ms. Davis

addressed. A discussed ensued. It was decided to change the language in PN2.7 to “add implement tracking methods”. Also changed in PN2.6 to read “the county and city work together” (taking out “should”).

Commissioner Halverson moved, seconded by Commissioner Karman, to recommend adoption of the Olympia Joint Plan, an element of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, as amended tonight, and further move to recommend approval of amendments to the Thurston County Code, Chapter 23.05 ‘Residential Districts’ to remove the grocery store requirement from the Community-Oriented Shopping Center zoning district.

Before the vote, Commissioner Simmons stated he would like to recuse himself from the 2nd part of the motion and it was confirmed by staff it needs to be separate motions to accommodate this request.

Commissioner Halverson moved, seconded by Commissioner Karman, to amend his recommendation to adopt the Olympia Joint Plan, an element of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, as amended tonight. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Halverson moved, seconded by Commissioner Karman, to amend his recommendation to recommend approval of amendments to the Thurston County Code, Chapter 23.05 ‘Residential Districts’ to remove the grocery store requirement from the Community-Oriented Shopping Center zoning district. The motion passed with 12 ayes, 1 recused (Commissioner Simmons), and 1 nay (Commissioner Pestinger).

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.