MINUTES

KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Administration Building - Commissioner’s Chambers
January 27, 2009, 9:00 am

These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the meeting flow and content and should not be relied upon for specific statements from individuals at the meeting.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission met on the above-stated date at the Kitsap County Administration Building – Commissioner’s Chambers located at 619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366.

Members present: Fred Depee, Linda Paralez, Lou Foritano, Jim Sommerhauser, John Taylor, Mike Gustavson, John Hough, Tom Nevins, and Robert Baglio

Staff present: Scott Diener, Larry Keeton, Karla Castillo and Planning Commission Secretary Mary Seals

8:58:22

A. Call Meeting to Order, Introductions

B. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda is adopted as posted.

C. Public Comment

D. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2008

8:59:06

A motion is made by Commissioner Nevins and seconded by Commissioner Baglio to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008.

The Vote:
Unanimous

The motion carries

9:00:44

E. Directors update- Larry Keeton, DCD Director

Keeton gives update on the status of the department.

9:06:35

Commissioner Gustafson and Commissioner Taylor arrive.

Discussion is held about annexation impacts to the County.

Commissioner Garrido- Introduces herself and engages the Planning Commission in a discussion and offers to answer any questions the Planning Commission may have.
Discussion is held on evening Planning Commission meetings being mandated by the BOCC.

9:45:29

F. 2009 Meeting Schedule- Scott Diener-Manager Community Planning

Diener discusses the work plan for the year.

Diener talks about training opportunities for the Planning Commission.

Diener opens up discussion on night meetings.

A motion is made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Gustavson to keep regular meetings at 9 AM and any public hearing meetings be in the evening.

Discussion is held about the motion on the floor.

Taylor: Doesn’t think it will make a difference to the public. Believes it is expensive to the staff.

Nevins: Since I was in favor of it years ago I am still in favor

Gustavson: Expresses concern over the comp time accrued by staff by their night obligations so they were not available to the public during regular hours.

Sommerhauser: Clarifies the motion to recommend taking the request back to the Commissioners about going to night meetings. I oppose the motion. Believes that there are two benefits to night meetings. One, the accessibility to the public. Secondly, the ability for people to serve on the Planning Commission. The downside that I see the staff is going to have to support us and they have other night meetings. The other downside is the cost to some for hiring professional help when they come in front of us might come at a higher price for evening meetings.

Hough: Opposes the motion and agrees with Commissioner Sommerhauser.

9:57:30

Foritano: Agrees with Commissioner Hough and Commissioner Sommerhauser but would like to see the meetings held in various areas of the county.

Depee: Would like to hear clarification. Is this a directive from the Commissioners?

Diener: Yes, it is.
Taylor: The whole point of my motion was to put it in writing. So the Commissioners can see it.

Depee clarifies the motion and calls for a vote.

9:59:45

The Vote:
Yes: 2
No: 7
The motion fails

Discussion is held on what nights and times to meet.

10:01:45

A motion is made by Commissioner Depee and seconded by Commissioner Nevins to go to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights of the month starting in March at 7:00 PM.

Baglio: Would like to verify the times of the other Community night meeting so they do not conflict.

Hough: My recommendation would be that we hold off until the next meeting until we find out when the other meetings are held.

Discussion is held on possible times for the night meeting.

General consensus by the Commission is to change the night meetings to 7:00 PM.

Diener: Staff would like to see the Planning Commission accept the findings of fact much sooner than in the past to improve efficiency. Would also like deliberations to occur right after Public Hearings when possible.

Discussion is held on Staff request to Planning Commission.

Gustavson: Would like to talk topics. A couple of things I would like to see pushed earlier are rural wooded and shoreline issues. Request a map showing the layering as an overlay on the three Commissioners districts.

Diener: Discusses the Planning topics for the year.

10:14:06

Discussion is held on the ethics of being apart of a stakeholder group and then sitting on the Planning Commission and making decisions on subject that might affect that same group.

Back to the motion on the floor re: the dates and times of the Planning Commission meetings.
Depee calls for the vote:

The Vote:
Yes: 8
No: 0
Abstain: 1
The motion carries

Diener: Goes over training opportunities.

G. Election of 2009 Officers

Commissioner Sommerhauser nominates Commissioner Foritano for Chair seconded by Commissioner Hough.

Discussion is held on nomination procedure.

The vote:
Unanimous

Commissioner Nevins nominates Commissioner Sommerhauser for Vice Chair seconded by Commissioner Foritano

Commissioner Depee nominates Commissioner Baglio for Vice Chair seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Commission goes to secret ballot for vote.

H. For the Good of the Order

Foritano: Discusses serving on the Surface and Stormwater advisory committee. Mentions the need for a Central Kitsap member so if anyone is interested.

Diener announces that Commissioner Baglio is the next Vice Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Gustafson and seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the planning Commission be given maps that show by district the overlays of Land Use constraints.

Hough: Express Concern about the substantial burden to the staff.

Diener: Acknowledges the letter received from Commissioner Gustafson requesting maps. That would require a substantial amount of custom GIS map
work. We are currently down to only 1 GIS technician to meet all of DCD’s needs. We
do have all the layers of the critical areas themselves but some of these layers need to
be updated first.

Baglio: Discusses the building limitation map and its availability.

The Vote:
Yes: 2
No: 6
Abstain: 1
The motion fails

Sommerhauser: Discusses his annual plan to go to Arizona.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Gustavson to
excuse Commissioner Sommerhauser from the three meeting that he will be in
Arizona.

Foritano: Asks about audio capabilities.

Diener: At this time we do not have that capability.

Depee: Does not see the need for the motion for one reason the attendance
portion of our meetings was discussed at length and there are no rules or
regulations involved with a consecutive amount of meeting missed.

The vote:
Unanimous
The motion carries

10:42:35

Meeting adjourns

EXHIBITS

MINUTES approved this _______ day of _______ 2008.

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Lou Foritano, Planning Commission Chair

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Mary Seals, Planning Commission Secretary