M I N U T E S
KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Administration Building – Commissioners Chambers
June 5, 2012 6:00 pm

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

Members present: Karanne Gonzalez-Harless, Tom Nevins, Linda Paralez, Carol Smiley, Robert Baglio and Linda Rowe

Members absent: Lou Foritano, Jim Sommerhauser and Mike Brown

Staff present: David Greetham and Planning Commission Secretary Karen Ashcraft

6:02:16

A. Call Meeting to Order, Introductions

B. Adoption of Agenda

6:02:37

A motion is made by Commissioner Paralez and seconded by Commissioner Smiley to adopt the agenda as posted.

The Vote:
Unanimous
The motion carries

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C. Public Comments

6:03:07

D. Approval of the April 17, 2012 minutes

6:03:20

A motion is made by Commissioner Nevins and seconded by Commissioner Paralez to approve the April 17, 2012 minutes.

The Vote:
Unanimous
The motion carries
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E. Public Hearing: Shoreline Master Program – David Greetham, Senior Planner, DCD

- Shoreline Master Program address development activities for all property located within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark on shorelines within Washington State
- Kitsap County’s Code (Title 22) initially adopted in 1976 and last amended in 1999
- 2003 New WAC Guidelines adopted for SMP updates
- 2010 Citizen Task Force appointed (20 members)
- 2011 Shoreline Inventory and Characterization approved baseline information for SMP
- 2012 Planning Commission Work Studies/ Public Hearings

- Major Changes to the Shoreline Master Program being considered are:
  - Existing legally established development generally conforming
  - Shoreline environment designations
  - Vegetation Conservation buffers
  - Shoreline armoring standards
  - Development standards updated to ensure “No net loss of existing shoreline ecological functions”
- 2nd Public Hearing with the Planning Commission on June 11, 2012, then Deliberation/Recommendations
- KC Board of Commissioners will conduct additional public hearings (late 2012)
- Washington State Department of Ecology will conduct final review and approval

Commissioner Baglio and Commissioner Paralez requested a clarification of the timeline for the public comment matrix. The public comment matrix will follow the June 11th public hearing in Poulsbo City Chambers.

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Pro tem Chair Baglio opens the public hearing.

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Bob Benze resides in Silverdale and is a member of the Kitsap Alliance. He is concerned that the proposed SMP update will take private property rights for public use without adequate justification or compensation. He submitted his testimony dated June 5, 2012.

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Charles Draper 88 years old and resides in Seattle. He is concerned about the lack of available current information on the Shoreline Master Program for public review. He requested that staff and the Planning Commission review federal and state history regarding the shoreline.

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Alan Beam referred to a Shoreline Management Act provision that states, “This policy contemplates protecting against adverse effects to the public health, the land and its vegetation and wildlife, and the waters of the state and their aquatic life”. There is a need to protect Puget Sound and provide for “no net loss of Ecological Function”. Appropriate monitoring is necessary to measure impacts. He submitted his testimony dated June 5, 2012.
Michael Gustavson resides on the shoreline in Southworth. He wants to know what the problem that the Shoreline Master Program is trying to solve; is it water quality or restrictions on property development along the shoreline? The restrictions and costs that will be created by this new SMP, on building along the shoreline, will prohibitive. He submitted a letter dated June 5, 2012.

Chuck Shank is a retired civil engineer/land surveyor residing in Port Orchard. He stated that you can save a salmon with a buffer or a lawn. DOE requires the use of buffers for pollutant removal to make the receiving waters of Puget Sound healthy for salmon. DOE will not allow vegetated filtration strip in Washington. Further consideration of such an approach is recommended. He submitted a letter dated June 5, 2012.

Tom Donnelly is representing Kitsap Citizens for Rural Preservation (KCRP) and is a resident of South Kitsap. He is pleased with the advisory group and staff on the preliminary Shoreline Master Plan. He thinks the Natural designation needs to be increased along the Kitsap County shoreline.

John Taylor is a resident of Central Kitsap. He is concerned about criminalization of shoreline violations (gross misdemeanor). Also, keep the current 35’ setback.

Michael Maddox is a resident of Poulsbo and a member of the West Sound Conservation Council. He is concerned about the shoreline designation in the area of near Keyport called Urban Conservancy (UC). This area should be designated natural. He states making it natural will give protections to the conservancies that should be conservanced. Staff and task force has done a great job for the preservation of Kitsap County.

Pro Tem Chair Baglio continued the Public Hearing until June 11, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Poulsbo City Hall Chambers.

For the Good of the Order:

A motion is made by Commissioner Nevins and seconded by Commissioner Paralez to adjourn.

Time of Adjournment: 6:44:14

EXHIBITS:
A. Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearings and Application
B. Update to Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program
C. Letter from Bob Benze
D. Letter from Alan Beam
E. Letter from Michael Gustavson
F. Letter from Chuck Shank
G. Letter from Tom Donnelly

MINUTES approved this _______ day of _______ 2012.

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Michael Brown, Planning Commission Chair

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Karen Ashcraft, Planning Commission Secretary