Kitsap County Planning Commission – October 1, 2013

MINUTES
KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Administration Building – Commissioners Chambers
October 1, 2013 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: Lou Foritano, Linda Paralez, Karanne Gonzalez-Harless, Tom Nevins, Carol Smiley, Mike Brown, Jim Svensson and Linda Rowe
Members absent: Jim Sommerhauser
Staff present: Larry Keeton, Eric Baker, Dennis Oost and Planning Commission Secretary Karen Ashcraft

6:00:04

A. Call Meeting to Order, Introductions

6:00:04

B. Adoption of Agenda

6:01:05

A motion is made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Svensson to adopt the agenda as modified.

The Vote:
Unanimous
The motion carries.

6:01:05

C. Approval of the September 17, 2013 Minutes

6:01:29

A motion is made by Commissioner Rowe and seconded by Commissioner Paralez to approve the minutes for September 17, 2013.

The Vote:
Yes: 6
No: 0
Abstain: 1
The motion carries.

6:01:29

D. Director’s Update: Larry Keeton, Director, DCD

- Presentation to Kitsap County Board of Commissioners and Budget Committee Members for 2014
- 1502 Legislation (Marijuana)
- Gorst Watershed Plan
- Highlights of the Comprehensive Plan

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- January 2014 Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance)
- Signs Ordinance
- Agricultural Code relating to Comp Plan Policies/Agricultural Development Code
- Omnibus Bill
- Comprehensive Plan Update

Discussion is held regarding the timing of the Comp Plan Process.
Discussion is held regarding the Port Gamble Process.
Discussion is held regarding Single-Family Stormwater.
Discussion is held regarding fee increase.
Discussion is held regarding the Comp Plan.
Discussion is held regarding the LEAN process.

6:52:18

E. Work Study: Non-Motorized Trail Plan – Eric Baker, Special Projects Manager, Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners
- Non-Motorized Facility Plan incorporates the North Kitsap String of Pearls Plan (2011) and Mosquito Fleet Plan (late 90’s or early 2000’s).
- Goals of Plan: A region-wide vision of connected system of off-road shared use paths and shared use facilities.
- Created Maps to include the collection of Bike Lanes, Public Trails, Community Trails, etc.
- Future Prioritization for funding through local, regional and grant funding opportunities.
- How will the various trails be maintained needs to be resolved prior to requesting funding.
- Using the Federal classification system to identify various sites: On Road Facilities (Bike Lane), Shared Use Paths (Bicycle & Pedestrian), Community Connectors, Water Trails.
- Next Steps: Stakeholder meetings will be held within the next two weeks. There will be opportunity for additional edits to the mapping, goals and policies and to do the actual testing of the plan. Public Hearings beheld before the Planning Commission tonight and continued to October 15 with Deliberations and Findings of Fact to be held on October 22. Then to Board of County Commissioners public hearing on November 25.

Discussion is held regarding the projection of future bike races on the proposed trails.
Discussion is held regarding the incorporation of the area parks and water trails into the plan.
Discussion is held regarding Right-of-way.

7:40:08

Chair Nevins opens the Public Hearing.

7:40:27

Rick Feeney is a resident of Port Orchard and current President of West Sound Cycle Club. Kitsap County has a special beauty that is unique. Port Gamble is a “destination resort” for the shared-use path and for mountain biking. The West Sound Cycle Club strongly supports of the county incorporating this plan. Seattle’s Cascade Bicycle Club has over 20,000 members and they travel to Kitsap County to ride their bikes. He is concerned about the use of the road shoulders incorporated into the plan. He is currently a pedestrian and walks on the paved shoulders and paths in Kitsap County.
7:45:14
Ray Pardo is representing Manchester Community Association (MCA). He thanked Dennis Oost for his time and the incorporation of the Manchester Community Association ideas into the current plan. He was formerly a biker, but now he is pedestrian walking on the shoulder. I support the proposed plan, but it should be updated periodically. We have north/south trails, in future developments request east/west connections.

7:50:52
Linda Berry-Maralst is President of North Kitsap Trails Association. The NKTA would like a statement that the "String of Pearls Trail Plan" document stands for the North end of Kitsap County. We would like to see Trail and Road Standards established and incorporated into the document.

Commission Foritano thanked the NKTA for their hard work and input. We need to work with Public Works to find creative ideas to find safe ways to walk and bike on the major roadways in Kitsap County.

7:58:17
Jay Spady is a member of the West Sound Cycling Club and Vice-President for Washington State Good Roads and Transportation. We need safe shoulders for bikers and pedestrians. Shared use paths along the roadway and protected from the roadway would be wonderful for the safety of our families. He suggested that on the Prioritization map to show connections of some of the routes to several major employers in Kitsap County.

8:02:30
Chair Nevins recessed the hearing until October 15, 2013.

Recess: 8:02:50
Reconvene: 8:09:01

8:12:53
F. Work Study: Gorst Watershed Plan: Eric Baker, Special Projects Manager Kitsap County Board of Commissioners
• Redevelopment of the Gorst Watershed area; sewer is now available
• Prepare several neighborhoods in Gorst into residential/commercial areas in collaboration with the City of Bremerton
• Protect Gorst Creek and the shoreline and foster economic development
• Identify areas for development, restoration and protection based upon Best Available Science
• Long-range Capital Improvement Plan
• Requests from WSDOT and Suquamish Tribe to be notified of any future developments
• EIS has been reviewed by a Planned Action Review
• Public Hearing will be held on October 15, 2013
• Deliberations & Findings of Fact on October 22, 2013

Discussion is held regarding the watershed map.
Discussion is held regarding annexation.
Discussion is held regarding pedestrian overpass.
Discussion is held regarding a round-about.

For the Good of the Order: Chair Nevins

Time of Adjournment: 9:00:27

EXHIBITS:
A. Kitsap County 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Non-Motorized Facility Plan
B. CD – Gorst Watershed Plan

MINUTES approved this 15 day of October 2013.

Tom Nevins, Planning Commission Chair

Karen Ashcraft, Planning Commission Secretary