

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friday, June 7, 2019

Conference Room A

2424 Heritage Court SW, Suite A

Olympia, WA 98502

#### Call to Order

Chair Nathaniel Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### Attendance

##### Members Present:

City of Olympia

City of Lacey

City of Rainier

City of Tenino

City of Tumwater

City of Yelm

Intercity Transit

Lacey Fire District #3

LOTT Clean Water Alliance

North Thurston Public Schools

Olympia School District

Thurston County

Timberland Regional Library

Nathaniel Jones, Chair

Carolyn Cox, Council member

George Johnson, Council member

David Watterson, Council member

Tom Oliva, Council member

JW Foster, Vice Chair

Karen Messmer, Board member

Gene Dobry, Board member

Cynthia Pratt, Secretary

Chuck Namit, Board member

Hilary Seidel, Board member

Tye Menser, Commissioner

LG Nelson, Staff

##### Members Absent:

Port of Olympia

The Evergreen State College

Thurston EDC

Town of Bucoda

Tumwater School District

PUD No. 1 of Thurston County

Nisqually Indian Tribe

Confederated Tribes of the

Chehalis Reservation

Bill McGregor, Commissioner

Scott Morgan, Staff

Michael Cade, Director

Vacant

Mel Murray, Staff

Russ Olsen, Commissioner

Heidi Thomas, Staff

Amy Loudermilk, Staff

##### Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director

Burlina Montgomery, Administrative Assistant

Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director

Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director

Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner

Scott Carte, GIS Coordinator

Sara Porter, Associate Planner

Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner

Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Salmon Recovery Lead Entity Coordinator

##### Others Present:

Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit

Joel Carlson, Sierra Club South Sound

- Agenda Item 2**                    **Introductions**  
All present provided self-introductions.
- Agenda Item 3**                    **Approval of Agenda**  
ACTION  
*Councilmember Watterson moved, seconded by Councilmember McGregor, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*
- Agenda Item 4**                    **Public Comment**  
There was no public comment.
- Agenda Item 5**                    **Consent Calendar**  
ACTION  
a. Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2019  
b. Approval of Vouchers – May 2019  
*Councilmember Oliva moved, seconded by Councilmember Messmer, to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.*
- Agenda Item 6**                    **Thurston Thrives**  
PRESENTATION  
Krosbie Carter, Thurston Thrives, provided an overview on Thurston Thrives and Thurston Thrives Action Teams and goals. The actions teams include:
- Housing
  - Public Safety & Justice
  - Community Design
  - South Sound Food Network System
  - Education & Resilience
  - Climate and Clean Energy
  - Environment
- Agenda Item 7**                    **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Public Outreach Strategy**  
PRESENTATION  
Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner, reviewed the public outreach strategy for the Regional Transportation Plan update.
- Agenda Item 8**                    **WRIA 13 Overview and Project Selection**  
DISCUSSION  
Amy Hatch-Winecka, WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity Coordinator, discussed the role of WRIA 13 and how it integrates with the work of the Council.
- Agenda Item 9**                    **Retreat Prep: Mid-year Review**  
DISCUSSION  
Marc Daily, Executive Director, provided an update on the progress that was made in implementing the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. At the July 12<sup>th</sup> Council retreat the Council will make updates to the Plan which will result in the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan.
- Agenda Item 10**                  **Report from Outside Committee Assignments**  
INFORMATION  
Due to Council member Pratt's absence, Executive Director Marc Daily provided Ms. Pratt's update on the latest Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Board meeting.
- Agenda Item 11**                  **Member Check In**  
DISCUSSION  
Council member Foster announced that the new Splash Pad and updated playground in Yelm will be complete in two weeks. Mr. Foster invited the Council to attend the July 6<sup>th</sup> Barbecue Rally at the Yelm City Park.  
  
Council member Dobry reported that the Certificate of Need for Bed Expansion at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia was approved.  
  
Council member Morgan announced that the Evergreen State College's graduation ceremony will occur on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The following day South Puget Sound Community College will hold their graduation ceremony on the Evergreen campus.  
  
Council member Watterson announced that Tenino Oregon Trail Days will start at the end of July. Mr. Watterson also reported that the Tenino Energy Project was nominated for a national award by SEPA.  
  
Council member Messmer announced that Ride Transit Month starts in June. June 12<sup>th</sup> Intercity Transit will have Rider Appreciation Station's at the Olympia and Lacey Transit Centers.

Council member McGregor reported that the Annual Olympic Air Show will occur over Father’s Day weekend.

Council member Menser advised that the West Thurston Regional Fire Authority has a replacement levy on the August ballot. The Fire Authority has expanded due to previous funding.

Council member Nelson announced that the local libraries have Facebook pages where you can see announcements and future events happening in our area.

Council member Johnson spoke about the improvements happening in Rainier.

Council member Namit announced that 900 students will be graduating in North Thurston next week. Mr. Namit also announced that the City of Tenino will have a new assistant superintendent starting in July.

Council member Oliva reported that the oil spill cleanup in Tumwater is ongoing.

Council member Cox provided an update on transportation projects in Lacey. Ms. Cox also announced that the Sasquatch Revealed Exhibit is open at the Lacey Museum.

Council member Seidel announced three items: (1) the Olympia School District is looking at investing in more enrichments for elementary schools in the district, (2) a Citizen Advisory Committee has been analyzing different school start times and will make their recommendation to the Olympia School Board on June 24, 2019, and (3) a new standing Citizen Advisory Committee will launch next year and look at nutrition and food systems.

Chair Jones provided an update on the long-range sustainable planning process to help with the homeless population in the community. Mr. Jones also announced that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the City of Olympia a \$600,000 Brownfield Grant for the West Bay area including West Bay Park.

**Agenda Item 12**  
DISCUSSION

**Executive Director’s Report**  
Executive Director Marc Daily announced that TRPC’s annual audit is complete and had no findings. Mr. Daily provided an update on the Census Complete Count Committee which recently held their first meeting. Mr. Daily also introduced new Senior Planner Allison Osterberg.

**Agenda Item 13**

**Adjournment**  
*There being no further business, Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.*

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Nathaniel Jones, Chair

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Marc Daily, Executive Director

*Minutes prepared by Burlina Montgomery, Administrative Assistant, Thurston Regional Planning Council. These minutes are not verbatim. A recording of this meeting is available upon request.*