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## **SUMMARY MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009**

### Douglas County Planning Commissioners Present:

Chair Carol Kavanaugh, Vice Chair Fred Suter, Robert Eley, Monty Bickford, Randy Kennedy.

### Douglas County Staff Present:

Mark Kulaas, Land Services Director  
Glen DeVries, Planning Manager  
Stephen Neuenschwander, Senior Planner  
Jennifer Lange, Assistant County Engineer

Public Present: Eight persons signed the attendance roster.

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6:30 pm**

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

1. Commissioner Eley moved to adopt the June 17, 2009 minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bickford and was unanimously approved.
2. An overview of long range planning projects was presented by Stephen Neuenschwander, Senior Planner.
3. Chair Kavanaugh inquired whether a new Planning Commission member had been appointed. Director Kulaas responded that the Board of Commissioners had not yet made an appointment.
4. Chair Kavanaugh asked that the Planning Commission packets of materials be sent in a timely manner.
5. Director Kulaas stated that the Planning Commission now had a Facebook page and that the department is considering other electronic notification methods such as Twitter, to reduce postage costs.

### **III. Citizen Comment**

1. Jim Nakata commented on agricultural lands east of Union Avenue and possible inclusion into the urban growth boundary or de-designation as rural lands.

2. Joshua Corning asked if the County planned to compress the County Code into one Twitter message?

#### **IV. Old Business – None**

#### **V. New Business-None**

- A. Workshop on Road Standards amendments.** Jennifer Lange, Assistant County Engineer presented to the proposed amendments to the Planning Commission which include revisions to be consistent with proposed changes to family farm support divisions as well clarifications and corrections of a general nature. Neither the Planning Commission nor the public commented on the proposals.
- B. Workshop on proposed amendments to the Capital Facilities Plan.** Stephen Neuenschwander, Senior Planner presented the proposed amendments and updates to the plan. Chair Kavanaugh asked about the seemingly erratic fluctuation in the Rents, Insurance Premiums, Internal, Contribution, Misc. category in Table 7-6 General Fund Forecast on page 32. Planning staff will look into the matter. Commissioner Eley commented on the Capital Facilities Decision Matrix rating system, particularly stating that the Life, Health, and Safety category should be rated higher than it is and that the system does not appear to sufficiently categorize the issues.
- C. Workshop on proposed amendments to Douglas County Code Chapter 18.16.046 Clustering and 18.16.220 Agricultural Support.** Director Kulaas introduced the amendments as a result of consultation with the Board of Commissioners and the Prosecuting Attorney and in response to the Growth Management Act Compliance Resolution deadline of December 1, 2009, Hearings Board decisions, and amendment to section 177 of the Growth management Act.

Glen DeVries, Planning Manager, introduced the proposed amendments to the Family Farm Support Divisions. Commissioners Eley and Bickford provided spelling and grammatical corrections. Comments from the public were made by Jim Nakata, Greg Wright, Jonathan Corning, and Joshua Corning.

Stephen Neuenschwander, Senior Planner, introduced the proposed amendments to cluster divisions. Chair Kavanaugh asked for the written correspondence from the Prosecuting Attorney. Staff responded that the Prosecutor had sent an email in 2007 or 2008 that initiated the Agricultural Tools study and that subsequent interactions have been verbal. Commissioner Eley asked if staff had comments on the letter submitted by Martin Davey. Staff responded that the letter had been read and that comments would be responded to at the conclusion of the comment period. Comments on the proposals were made by Joshua Corning, Hank Lewis, Greg Wright, Jim Nakata, Dan Beardslee, and Jack Corning.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:40 PM.