

# King County Agriculture Commission

## DRAFT Minutes from

### Thursday, October 8, 2015

### Watershed Science Center, Issaquah

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Commissioners	P	A	Commissioners	P	A
Nancy Hutto, Chair		X	Bob Vos	X	
George Irwin	X		Siri Erickson-Brown		X
Eldon Murray	X		Larry Pickering		X

*P=Present; A=Absent*

Staff Present	
John Taylor	Brian Sleight
Joan Lee	Lou Beck
Kathy Creahan	Patrice Barrentine
Randy Sandin	
Guests Present	
Anne Becker	Pat Mc Glothlin
Leann Krainick	Erick Haakenson
Bruce Elliott	Kate Delavan
Leigh Newman-Bell	Katie Pencke, KCD
Meredith Molli	Tom Quigley
Amy Holmes	Erik Goheen
Darron Marzolf	Kathy Lambert, County Councilmember, District 3
Janet Keller	

### Meeting Action Summary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>There was not a quorum</b></li> <li>• <b>September Meeting Minutes were read and are pending approval at Nov meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>King County Comprehensive Plan Code Change Proposal: Agricultural Uses Presentation and Discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>Tall Chief Presentation and Discussion</b></li> <li>• <b>Next Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul> |
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## Meeting Highlights with Action Items in Text Boxes

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**Called to Order 4:05 pm**

**Agenda approved by acclimation**

**Asked for Ewing Stringfellow update**

**Approval of Minutes**

*September meeting minutes tabled to next meeting (no quorum present)*

### Public Comment

**King County Farming Regulations: Study and Report – Kate Delavan, MPA,  
American Farmland Trust**

\*PowerPoint

**King County Comprehensive Plan Code Change Proposal: Agricultural Uses –  
Randy Sandin and Kathy Creahan**

*Please see meeting packet for corresponding presentation and materials presented.*

Pg. 28 of packet is the list of proposed changes to one place

Bob: Agricultural drainage systems

Amy: Defining “farming” King County; what is our chance to contribute?

George: 4<sup>th</sup> amendment are you going to allow folks to store neighbors’ products?

Randy: No, but it allows a standard size for retail and manufacturing, etc.

Bob: The stat shoreline management act has an exemption for ag activities and then there’s another exemption for critical areas... by broadening the definition of agricultural activities, does it work in our benefit?

Kathy: Regs specific to ag, division working on revising the stormwater manual, have found many things that need to be revised because they are very inappropriate to agriculture. Recommending a number of exemptions and considerations. Regs are based on the premise that the actions of the stormwater should work like they do in a forested condition. Making a case that in ag areas, it should be an ag condition.

Interested commissioners for Regulatory Committee:

- Amy Holmes
- Bob Vos
- Meredith Molli
- Darron Marzolf
- Leigh Newman-Bell
- Anne Becker

## Public Comment

Erick Goheen: Docket #13; p.9 in last month's minutes; nice summary of

21 Acres – that land should be preserved for farming; there may be a draft of 21 Acres comprehensive plan

Tom Quigley, Evergreen Nursery: Farms adjacent to 21 acres; thanked commissioners for their service as he knows as a former commissioner, what it takes. Currently, President Sammamish Valley Alliance,

.... City of Woodinville features farming in Sammamish Valley

Issue of tasting rooms in APD without growing wines.

I think we should talk about Eastern WA fruit as local

Some ambivalence about the tasting room.

## Tall Chief- Bob Vos, John Taylor

*see packet for materials*

Janet Keller: .... Slow process, but positive.

Want to do value-added and can do that outside of the flood plain next door.

George: How many cows are you milking now?

Janet: Just over 700.

Bob Vos: Sometimes we forget that one group of new farmers are the children of existing farmers.

George:

Janet: The land will allow us to do more crops and spread manure. I've got young stock in the flood plain so I'm hoping to move them there. We raise all of our young. We have a 100% closed herd.

Meredith: I have a couple of comments. There's some information in the [Dave Casey] letter that is inaccurate. Specifically: the quote

Eldon: Appraisal date?

John Taylor: Recent appraisal = \$720,000

Kathy: about \$4.5 M. ...

### **Updates:**

KCD: Have assigned Eric Nelson to do outreach for FFF. Hired two new farm planners

Comp Plan: [4 points plus Kathy.]

Adjourned 7 pm

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### **Next Meeting**

Thursday November 12, 2015

Issaquah Fish Hatchery, Watershed Science Center, Issaquah