

**King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Minutes from
Thursday, December 10, 2015
Watershed Science Center, Issaquah**

Commissioners	P	A	Commissioners	P	A
Nancy Hutto, Chair		X	Bob Vos	X	
George Irwin, Vice Chair	X		Siri Erickson-Brown		X
Eldon Murray	X		Larry Pickering		X
Roger Calhoon	X		Shelby Jors	X	
Leigh Newman-Bell	X		Leann Krainick	X	
Meredith Molli	X		Amy Holmes	X	

P=Present; A=Absent

Staff Present	
Patrice Barrentine	Richard Martin
Kathy Creahan	Megan Moore
Steve Evans	Ted Sullivan
Guests Present	
King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert	Unidentified Guest
Bruce Elliott	

Meeting Action Summary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November Meeting Minutes Approved New Commissioners Update FPP Acquisition Update Commission Topics for 2016 Next Meeting: January 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm |
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Meeting Called to Order by George Irwin at 4:11 pm

Approval of Minutes

Amy Holmes made a motion to approve the November 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Leann Krainick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Amy Holmes made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Meredith Molli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Commissioners Update – Patrice Barrentine

Patrice Barrentine gave a brief update on the status of several Commissioner appointments with the King County Council (KCC). She said that currently six of the eight new Commissioners were now eligible to vote at tonight's meeting, and that the remaining two (Bruce Elliott and Anne Becker) were pending Council approval due to paperwork delays.

Comp Plan Update –Kathy Creahan

Kathy Creahan advised the Commission that the Public Review Draft of the 2016 King County comp plan was now online, and that Chapter 3 of the plan was the section relevant to rural and resource lands. She said that in addition to policy, the comp plan was where designations are made. She continued that there were two land use amendments in the Draft involving agriculture: the Tall Chief land being rezoned as agricultural and added to the APD, and the Area Zoning Study #12, which addresses a possible change in designation (rural to urban) of ~~several land parcels~~ a property adjacent to the city of Carnation ~~and the Snoqualmie APD~~. Ms. Creahan reported that the primary ~~area of concern here was the parcel designated A-35 in the Study #12 handout, a farm owned by the Magnochi family, which is adjacent to the outer boundary of the Carnation urban area and therefore facing possible re-designation as urban land.~~ Is the potential impact to the APD, specifically to the MAGnochi property, which is directly adjacent to the subject parcels. She added that the comp plan's manager, Ivan Miller with King County PSB, would be willing to attend the Commission's January meeting to receive feedback on the plan from the Commission. She said that the County's current recommendation on Study #12 was to not expand Carnation's Urban Growth Area boundary, but would consider a "4-2-1" proposal if the property owner wants to submit one. This would entail a portion of the urban-adjacent property being designated as urban, with the remainder designated as open-space or resource. Ms. Creahan went on to clarify that she was not necessarily requesting the Commission discuss this matter today, but did want them to be aware of it.

Farmland Preservation Program Acquisition Update – Ted Sullivan

Ted Sullivan then introduced and discussed at length a PowerPoint presentation on FPP. The presentation included acreage, purchase, and funding data from 1985-2015 land/easement acquisitions by the County in several APDs, as well as potential areas of growth for 2016 and onward. There were several follow-up points of discussion from the Commission, including how the County determines land value, requirements for easements, and the County possibly searching outside APDs for additional land.

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Strategic Planning, Committee Formation & Meeting Schedule – Patrice Barrentine

Ms. Barrentine reviewed with the Commission a checklist of topics designated to have been addressed in their 2015 meetings, and which of these topics to keep as ongoing discussion items for 2016.

Ms. Barrentine then reviewed the current committees under the Commission, and asked for new volunteers for each for 2016. Bob Vos requested to be removed from the Selection committee. Mr.

Elliott agreed to serve on the Lower Green committee. Mr. Vos, Ms. Holmes, Eldon Murray, and Ms. Krainick volunteered for the Access to Farmland committee. Ms. Molli and Leigh Newman-Bell volunteered for the Snoqualmie/Farm Fish Flood (FFF) committee.

Ms. Barrentine also reviewed a checklist of Commission accomplishments in 2016. Suggested highlights included several support letters to the King County Executive and the extensive work completed on FFF; Ms. Molli added the work completed on the comp plan and code change proposals, and Ms. Barrentine added the Food Initiative as a highlight as well.

Ms. Barrentine then entertained suggestions from the Commission on new topics to address for the coming year. She advised that she would organize the suggestions and bring them back before the Commission to review in detail at the January meeting.

Other Updates

Ms. Barrentine and Ms. Molli reported that they would have a more thorough update from the Regulatory Committee after their January 2016 meeting.

Steve Evans informed the Commission that the vote on the Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District had passed with 94% of the votes in favor of the proposal, and the WID had been officially formed as of December 7. The five commissioners were also chosen, and sworn in at KCC this past week. The new WID commissioners are: Siri Erickson-Brown, Jason Roetcisoender, Gary Remlinger, David Andrews, and Patrick McGlothlin. Mr. Evans added that the success of this measure meant there was now a template for forming other WIDs.

Mr. Vos reported that the KCC had voted 6 – 2 in favor of the Keller family's purchase of the Tall Chief land. Kathy Lambert added that the support letter to the KCC from the Commission had been very powerful.

Ms. Holmes stated that KCD was still in search of an executive director, and that they would welcome any input from the Commission on this decision. She said the goal date for a hire was February 2016.

Ms. Barrentine reviewed the upcoming meeting dates for 2016. She reminded the Commissioners to submit candidate suggestions for the upcoming elections for Chair and Vice Chair in January, as well as appointing a commissioner and alternate to serve on KCD's advisory committee. She added there would be three possible upcoming vacancies on the Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm

Issaquah Fish Hatchery, Watershed Science Center, Issaquah