

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

4:00 – 7:00 P.M. AT THE

LAKE WILDERNESS LODGE, MAPLE VALLEY

PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA

(AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE TENTATIVE)

4:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Approval of Agenda• Approval of Minutes (January 12th)	Leann Krainick, Chair Pro Tem
4:10	Public Comment	
4:15	Road Vacations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition and Examples• Benefits• Process• Q&A	Rey Segui, Roads Program Analyst, Leslie Manning and Leslie Drake, Road Property Program Managers
5:00	Surface Water Management Fee	John Taylor, Assistant Director, WLRD
5:30	Break	
5:45	FFF Next Steps	John Taylor
5:55	Ag Commission Strategic Planning for 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission Accomplishments 2016• Topics and Work Plan for 2017• Commissioner outreach for open positions	Patrice Barrentine and Commissioners
6:40	Public Comment	
6:45	Updates (approx. 5 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• King Conservation District• Farm Bureau• KC Land Advisory Committee• Ag Program• Local Food Initiative• Commission Details	KCD Staff Bruce Elliott Leann Krainick Richard Martin Mike Lufkin Patrice Barrentine
7:00	Adjourn	

Next Meeting:

March 9th~3-6pm, Enumclaw Public Library (with tour)

2016 Meeting Topics Calendar

Complete	Topic	Who	When	Outcomes	
				Letter advising County Executive	Notes
✓	What's Going on with Ag in Other Counties?	Snohomish	Jan		
✓	Appoint a commissioner and an Alternate for KCD Advisory Board		Jan		
✓	New Farm King County Website	Mike Lufkin, Patrice Barrentine	Feb		
✓	Commissioner Service Recognition and Reception		Apr		
✓	Farm Fish Flood Policy for Consideration		Apr		
✓	Tour – Vashon		May		
✓	Farm Fish Flood (FFF) Agreement Presentation – Janne Kaje		Aug		
✓	Marijuana Zoning		Sept	✓	
✓	Tour – Sammamish		Oct		
✓	Ag Definition Code Changes		Oct	✓	
✓	FFF Vote on committee recommendations		Nov	✓	
	What's Going on with Ag in Other Counties?	Skagit	Fall		
	What's Going on with Ag in Other Counties?	Pierce	Fall		
	Joint Meeting with Rural Forestry Commission		2016		
	Commission Policies and Procedures: Review and Modify				
	Tours to cover: Purpose of Commission, FPP, ADAP, Buffers, Salmon Recovery, Drip Irrigation, Drought, WID, Reclaimed Water, Keller Ditch, Tall Chief, Ag Regulatory Changes				





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**King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12th, 2017
Pike Place Market Classroom, Seattle**

Commissioners	P	A	Commissioners	P	A	Commissioners	P	A
Leann Krainick, Chair Pro-Tem	X		Siri Erickson-Brown	X		Leigh Newman-Bell	X	
Amy Holmes, Vice Chair Pro-Tem	X		Shelby Jors		X	Larry Pickering	X	
Roger Calhoon		X	Meredith Molli	X		Bob Vos	X	
Bruce Elliott	X		Eldon Murray	X				

P=Present; A=Absent

County Staff Present		
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Michael Lufkin, DNRP	Rick Reinlasoder, DNRP
Steve Evans, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP	Ted Sullivan, DNRP
Joan Lee, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP	John Taylor, DNRP

Guests Present			
Zack Cook, PPM	Mary Embleton, KCD	Karen Kinney, WSFMA	Nicole Novak, CSA
Chris Curtis, NFMA	Ben Franz-Knight, PPM	Alisha Kissell, PPM	Will O'Donnell, WSFMA
Kate Delavan, WSFMA	Jarvis Keller, dairy farmer	Mike Krainick, dairyman	

Meeting Action Summary

- **Approval of November 10th & November 28th, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
- **Pike Place Market: Tour & Farm Programming**
- **Updates: Seattle Farmers' Markets; KCD Regional Food Grant Program**
- **Farm Fish Flood (FFF) Draft Agreement Discussion**
- **Next Meeting: February 9th, 2017 at Lake Wilderness Lodge, Maple Valley**

Meeting Called to Order at 4:03 pm

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Larry Pickering motioned to approve tonight's meeting agenda as written. Leigh Newman-Bell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Eldon Murray motioned to approve the November 10th, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Meredith Molli seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Amy Holmes motioned to approve the November 28th, 2016 special meeting minutes. Bob Vos seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Pike Place Market Welcome & Tour – Ben Franz-Knight, PPM

Ben Franz-Knight, Executive Director of Pike Place Market, welcomed the Commission to PPM. He spoke briefly on several milestones for PPM's 110th anniversary this year, centering on the "MarketFront" project,

scheduled to be completed this spring, which includes new spaces for arts/crafts, farmers, business, low-income senior housing, and parking. The official grand opening for this phase is scheduled for June 29th, 2017, with Seattle's mayor to be present. He also spoke on recent Market strategic initiatives, prompted by a realization that the Market needs to do more to support its farmers.

Alisha Kissell of PPM and Leigh Newman-Bell then conducted all present on an hour-long walking tour of the Market, focusing on components relating to agriculture/farming.

Pike Place Market Farm Programming – Leigh Newman-Bell; Alisha Kissell, PPM

Leigh Newman-Bell and Alisha Kissell overviewed a presentation on the farm-related programs at PPM. These include increasingly successful summer “express markets” at several high-traffic Seattle locations; the “Farm Development Program,” a support program for Market farmers; and the “Farm to Go” and “Food Access Program,” to support farmers and make farmers’ produce accessible to a broader local public.

Seattle Farmers Market Update – Chris Curtis, NFMA

Chris Curtis of Neighborhood Farmers’ Market Alliance (NFMA) updated the Commission on the ongoing issue of increased farmers’ market fees from Seattle/King County Health Department (KCHD). She said KCHD has eased Certified Booth Operators (CBO) requirements, that only primary business owners would need a CBO permit. Onsite cooking demo permits are also now bundled into the regular fee. However, total fees still run about \$1,400 a season for farmers to participate in Seattle markets, which is costly for many smaller markets. No progress was made in changing fees for 2017, but Ms. Curtis stressed that KCHD has met with NFMA several times and is listening to them, that much of the rigidity in KCHD’s position stems from their being a “fee-for-service” entity.

She also reported Seattle neighborhood markets are doing well, with 112 farmers, and additional vendors, regularly selling at them, and over \$10 million in revenue went to farmers and food vendors from these markets in 2016. There was a more than 10% increase in shoppers in 2016, to over 600,000. She said 8,100 acres out of a total 9,000+ statewide are in production from their participating farmers, 70% of those in the Puget Sound region, and 35 farms in King County. She noted over 20 tons of fresh produce were donated by markets to local food banks in 2015. She recognized the importance of the many volunteers supporting area markets, and the role of farmers’ markets in local community-building. Patrice Barrentine added that Ms. Curtis was recognized by Seattle’s mayor this year for her contributions to the city.

KCD Regional Food Grant Program Update – Mary Embleton, KCD

Mary Embleton of King Conservation District (KCD) gave an update on their Regional Food Grant Program. The 2015-2016 program funded 30 projects, at a total of \$1.8 million. She said a program overhaul in 2016 included increased community outreach. She solicited feedback for improving the program, noting small in-person group meetings were best for this; the feedback deadline is the first week of February.

BREAK

Farm Fish Flood (FFF) Discussion – Patrice Barrentine; Commissioners

Patrice Barrentine reported that the suggested Comprehensive Plan language changes from prior Commission meetings, addressing the intended geographic scope of FFF, were submitted to the King County Council (KCC) as an amendment by Councilmember Kathy Lambert, and this had passed with the rest of the Comp Plan.

Ms. Barrentine referred Commissioners to minutes from the Commission’s January 10th subcommittee meeting, which addressed recommended edits to grammar and language in the FFF Advisory Committee’s report. The revisions have multiple goals: to remove perceived bias towards any specific FFF caucus; inclusion of language to determine and enforce progress of “bundled” implementation for caucus action item priorities; and address composition of the FFF 2.0 committee and task forces, including balanced representation of the participating caucuses. She noted that DNRP Director Christie True has agreed to meet with Bob Vos and the board of Citizens’ Alliance for Property Rights (CAPR) to discuss strengthening CAPR’s relationship with the County and role in FFF 2.0. She also noted addition of a bit of language to

address stipend funding for FFF 2.0 participants who are not compensated for their FFF work as part of regular employment, or are part of organizations that do not have sufficient funding to otherwise participate. She concluded by stating that the action sought from the Commission tonight was a vote to formalize these subcommittee recommendations.

Mr. Vos said while progress was made at the January 10th meeting, he was not ready to vote. He listed two issues he wished addressed first: a meeting between agriculture and fish interests to determine agreement on the Commission's proposed language edits; and fair FFF 2.0 committee representation. Ms. Barrentine replied this vote was intended to support the subcommittee's recommendations, not a final vote on the FFF report. Several others concurred on the importance of a formal vote tonight.

Discussion followed on language addressing composition of the FFF 2.0 caucuses. John Taylor said the maximum committee size would be 15 people, five for each caucus, with additional possible for the supporting task forces, and non-voting "ex officio" committee members. He added that the County can schedule meetings with the other caucuses to address the Commission's suggested edits to the FFF report. He noted the principle burden of the editorial changes could also fall to the County, which would allow the Commission more room to address "bundling" of caucus objectives and the makeup of the 2.0 committee.

Mr. Vos motioned the Commission support its subcommittee's amended draft document as of January 12th, for forwarding to a joint meeting of farm and fish caucuses for final approval. Meredith Molli seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Agriculture Commission Strategic Planning 2017

This item was tabled to address at next meeting due to lack of time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Updates

- **Local Food Initiative:** Mike Lufkin distributed a handout with 4th Quarter 2016 updates for the LFI.
- **Commission Details**
 - Amy Holmes reminded Commissioners to complete and return their Financial Disclosure forms.
 - Meredith Molli suggested an agenda item for next month's meeting, to address potential inferred conflict between the County's Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) and Land Committee, and requested Ted Sullivan of DNRP return to speak on this topic.
 - John Taylor updated on the status of issues affecting several local properties: a strongly-worded County letter to NRCS on restoration project concerns affecting the Van Ness property on the Snohomish County line; continued discussion to find a path in the Snoqualmie Valley for other parties that expressed interest in the Tall Chief property; the Remlinger property outside Carnation was bought by the County with the intent to dispose of it as soon as possible; KC may also temporarily acquire a part of the Burns property to protect Seattle's water supply, with the remainder of the land acquired transitionally by the Flood Control District.
 - Siri Erickson-Brown inquired about implementing a process to ensure the Commission be able to formally weigh in on County projects prior to start of construction. Amy Holmes suggested this also be included as an agenda item for next month's meeting.
 - Patrice Barrentine made a request for Commissioners whose term was set to expire in February 2017, to consider serving an additional few months until the delayed recruiting process for new Commissioners can be completed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 9th, 2017 at 4:00 pm
Lake Wilderness Lodge, Maple Valley



Preserving Historic Barns in King County, Washington

Historic barns are highly visible icons of King County's heritage. They are essential elements of our rural landscapes, conveying both a sense of place and traditional building methods, but many of these cherished community landmarks are threatened. Changes in farming technologies, high maintenance costs, and development pressures contribute to the challenges many property owners face as they strive to preserve their historic barns, and in many cases, their rural way of life.

King County's Historic Preservation Program is pleased to announce the second of two rounds of the Barn Again Historic Barn Preservation Program. The goal of this program is to provide funds for the stabilization and rehabilitation of historic barns and outbuildings that are historically associated with the working life of a farm, as well as community gathering places associated with agricultural organizations, such as grange halls.

Funding for two rounds of the Barn Again Historic Barn Preservation Program, totaling \$500,000, was included in King County and 4Culture's Building for Culture Initiative, which leveraged early payoff of Kingdome debt to provide significant funding for cultural facilities and historic properties throughout the county. In 2016, approximately half of the funding was awarded to 9 different projects. In 2017, the other half, up to \$250,000, will be awarded. The program will continue beyond 2017 only if additional funding can be secured.

To be eligible for funding, buildings must be over 40 years old, located in King County, in need of substantial repair, and still convey their historic character. Grant awards are anticipated to be in the range of \$5,000 to \$50,000 for projects that extend the life of the building and retain historic features. Eligible projects include repairs to roofs, foundations, walls, structural frameworks and building systems.

Grant guidelines and application forms are posted on King County's website at www.kingcounty.gov/barnagain. **Applications are due April 21, 2017.** Staff with King County's Historic Preservation Program will be conducting free public workshops during which they will provide a step-by-step overview of the application process and help applicants develop viable scopes of work.

Workshops are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, February 13, 12:30 pm, Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Drive
- Wednesday, February 22, 12:30 pm, Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Highway SW
- Friday, March 3, 12:30 pm, Carnation Library, 4804 Tolt Avenue

For more information about this program, please contact Todd Scott, King County's Preservation Architect, at todd.scott@kingcounty.gov or (206) 477-4545.



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