



Kitsap Food Chain

Food and Farm Policy Council

Meeting Minutes- July 21, 2011- Approved

Port Blakely Conference Room, KC Admin Building, Port Orchard, WA

Members Present: Chris Plemmons, Jean Schanen, Barbara Olson, Jerry Darnall and Melanie Keenan

Excused Absences: Shannon Harkness, Marilyn Holt, Monica Downen, Cynthia Mora

County Staff: Eric Baker, Katrina Knutson, Carrilu Thompson

Guests: Commissioner Garrido

Public Attendees: Vicky McGarrity

- I. **Call to Order:** Chris Plemmons called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were tabled and then approved later in the meeting when a quorum was present. Jean motioned, Jerry seconded- the minutes passed unanimously.
- III. **New Business**
 - A. Commissioner Garrido spoke about the Puget Sound Regional Food Policy Council and presented a handout on the RFPC's vision statement with their mission and goals. She encouraged KCFPC members to visit the website @ www.psrc.org and go to the Growth Management tab to read about the Council and what they are doing. She informed the KCFPC that the National Farm Bill is up for re-ratification (it is done every 3 to 4 years) and they may view information about the bill @ www.usda.gov, click on Topics and then the National Farm Bill. Commissioner Garrido also reported that the Dragonfly Theater in Port Orchard will continue the Sustainable Theater program starting July 24th. Barbara suggested tying in with the Kitsap Regional Library to promote the monthly programs.
 - B. Eric Baker, Special Projects Manager, reported the newest version of the Agriculture Plan, with received public comments, is now on the county web site @ www.kitsapgov.com. Added in this draft are performance indicators, expanded farm processing discussions and changes to the Ag maps, especially to the Olalla area. The county is continuing to take written public comment and there will be a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners on August 8th at 7 p.m. Feedback to the plan has been largely positive. Jerry made two suggestions- the language needs to be more forceful and come to strong conclusions and there is a need to define what a Kitsap County small farm is. It should not be tied to a minimum income as is the USDA definition.

C. Katrina Knutson, Senior Planner from Department of Community Development presented the DCD's Recommended Agricultural Policies. She also handed out the re-formatted KCFFPC's Policy Recommendations, dated March 13, 2011, so the council could make a side by side comparison. These Ag Policies will be the guiding principles for zoning recommendations in the future. She requested one of three actions from the council: 1. wait until the next meeting to have the whole council vote on the recommendations 2. have the Policy/Land Use committee meet and make recommendations or 3. have the council submit their individual comments. Comments need to be submitted by Aug. 8th so they can go before the Planning Commission at their next meeting on Aug. 16th. Katrina also asked the council to provide policy action items to Goal 11 and Goal 12. Jerry and Jean were concerned that the policy statement passed by the council in Feb. was not reflected in the DCD's policies but Katrina said the policies she received from Jaime were on the sheet she handed out. Jerry will review his document copy and notify the council if they are different from what was submitted to Katrina. The council decided to ask each member to submit their individual comments to DCD and then meet as a committee at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Aug. 8th in the Port Blakely Conference Room. Carrilu to book the room.

IV. Committees

A. Education- still working with food banks; Shannon is doing farm walks; Barb mentioned Mark Downen is working on collaborative PSA projects with kids about food banks, will be passed on to Cynthia to put on committees agenda. Jerry said Oregon passed a 1% of the school district's food budget must go to buying locally.

B. Infrastructure- no report

C. Policy/Land Use- will review the new updated Ag plan and DCD document.

V. **Public Attendees**- Vicky McGarrity from Hansville Creamery was introduced.

VI. Jerry moved to adjourn, Jean seconded- committee adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Attached addendums: RFPC Mission Statement, DCD Recommended Ag Policies, KCFFPC Policy Recommendations , Ag Policies removed by the BoCC 12/15/2010