



Kitsap Food Chain

Food and Farm Policy Council

Meeting Minutes- September 15, 2011 **Approved**

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

Members Present: Chris Plemmons, Shannon Harkness, Jerry Darnall, Fran Miller, Vicky McGarrity, Melanie Keenan, Cynthia Mora, Erika Anderson

Excused Absences: Monica Downen, Jean Schanen, Barbara Olson, Joe Serka, Marilyn Holt

County Staff: Autumn Salamek, Carrilu Thompson

- I. **Call to Order:** Chris called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Melanie moved, Jerry seconded to accept the agenda. Passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Jerry motioned, Melanie seconded, August minutes passed unanimously.
- IV. **Presentation by Autumn Salamek:** Autumn reported that the county has received funding and is seeking applications for 10 free energy assessment and/or audits to be conducted by Ensave. Applications are due October 6th and all members of the Kitsap County Food Chain are eligible. There will also be \$55,000 available for energy upgrades in low to no interest loans. She asked all council members to send the information out to their contacts. The county has also received a Conservation Tillage grant, in conjunction with WSU Kitsap Small Farms, for a no-till drill. It will be available to farmers to borrow with free soil testing available. The purpose is to track fuel reduction and reductions in green house gas emissions. Links will be made available on the Kitsap Food Chain website.
- V. **Puget Sound Regional Food Policy Council Report** www.psrc.org . No report.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. **Revised Kitsap Comp Plan Goals and Policies:** Carrilu presented the updated version of the Department of Community Development's Agricultural Goals and Policies. As requested by Commissioner Garrido, Eric Baker & Carrilu met with Scott Diener to rewrite the Agricultural Goals and Policies to more correctly reflect that which the Food and Farm Policy Council had written. Some items were edited due to clarification and/or redundancy. The Council agreed to accept the rewritten document and suggested striking the word "designated" in lines 6,13,16 and make the verbiage more consistent in the entire document. Melanie questioned row 1 reference to 1 million dollars- should be 1 billion dollars. Carrilu will take back recommendations to Scott Diener.

B. 2011 Work Plan- Committees will provide written reports at next meeting.

VII. Getting to Know Our Council- New member Erika Anderson was introduced.

VIII. Committees

A. Education-Members are: Chair Cynthia, Chris, Monica, Shannon, Fran and Barbara. No report.

B. Infrastructure- Members are: Chair Marilyn, Shannon, Jean, Vicky, Melanie and Erika. No report.

C. Land Use- Members are: Chair Jerry, Shannon, Melanie and Marilyn. No report.

D. Solid Waste/Composting- Jerry, Monica and Erika. Jerry and Monica have been discussing Japan's use of organic compost materials. Jerry will document information for council.

IX. New Business- Carrilu reported that the county has submitted a new grant application with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for a People's Garden at Howe Farm. This would be a two phase project with establishing an incubator garden at the Howe farm site and then funding three other like projects in the county.

X. Upcoming Events

A. Food Day - Food Day will be October 24th and Sustainable Cinema at the Dragonfly Theatre will be presenting 'Greenhorns', a movie about young people getting into gardening on Thursday, October 27th with the Director there to answer questions about her movie.

XI. Shannon moved to adjourn, Jerry seconded- committee adjourned at 7:02 p.m.