



JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE **March 2, 2011**

WSU Spruce Room, Shold Business Park, Port Hadlock

Time	Topic	Action	Notes/Follow-up <i>(if needed)</i>
	A. Opening Business		
		Call to Order Time: 6:30 pm	
		Presiding: Bill Miller, Vice Chair	
		Roll Call: <i>P – Present; AU – Absent & Unexcused; AE – Absent & Excused (as noted by Chair); Late arrivals noted by time; Quorum = 5</i>	
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			<i>District 3</i>
			Brotherton Giske Hull
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			6:40 pm
		Quorum Present - No	
		Staff Present: Michelle McConnell, Zoe Ann Lamp	
		Invited Guests: Katherine Baril	
		# Public in Audience: ~22	

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		Approval of Past Minutes:	

Date of Minutes	Motion to Approve <i>As Presented or With Changes</i>	Move <i>Initials</i>	Second <i>Initials</i>	Vote <i># of Yeas:Nays:Abstentions</i>
11/17/10	As presented	TB	RH	3-0-0
12/1/10	As presented	TB	RH	3-0-0
12/15/10	As presented	TB	RH	3-0-0

	Staff Updates:		
	McConnell	Reviewed contents in meeting packet	
	Committee Reports:	None	
	B. Presentation: GMA Periodic Assessment – Farms & Food Security		
6:35 pm		<p>K. Baril presentation:</p> <p>Planning Commission is last best hope;</p> <p>Comprehensive Plan must address food security;</p> <p>Consider the triple bottom line; County can be a visionary leader for the region; current trends should drive policy; Main issues for next 30 years will be food and water; Potlatch economy gives away wealth; '95 Growth Management Act (GMA) predicted 20 – 40%growth; no Comp Plan, no regulations; Maps show prime soils and lands designated Agriculture; We've failed locally – too much contention, polarized issues because people feel forced; 2009 we ate 4% local food, much better than 0.5% nationally; Should we make 20% the goal by 2020? Local growers see</p>	

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<p>(7:16 pm)</p>		<p>the work Karen Driscoll did for Ag as a success for on-site signage; Food security not Farm subsidy; Horses are not agriculture; Need to protect larger parcels; protein production requires grain supply (i.e. 15 -17% protein in wheat as compared to 5%; local water supply is not too limited to farm here, it's a surrogate for other issues (real estate, certain lifestyles, etc); water law is based on beneficial use;</p> <p>Recommendations: food policy councils tend to be polarized; Governor's Executive Order to create Food and Farm Task Force; Zoning for distribution, processing, storage... not only in the City; County funds for Food & Farm issues and more than \$20K for economic development; get innovative like Boeing, MicroSoft, Starbucks;</p> <p>Planning Commission can help force everyone to work together; Support culinary tourism; 75% of farmland in state – FMV exceeds value of food;</p> <p>There's no vision, proactivity, vulcanized County;</p> <p>Slideshow Presentation – Tremendous shellfish industry; more than applies; 1932 Depression left 60% farms in default; consider roof top gardens; we need a new model; value added ag products give best return on the \$; we've lost our food processing infrastructure and need to rebuild it; need private investment funds; Consider that land ownership changes hands over time; look at interest rates and land values; the old system doesn't apply to the new economy; it's probably</p>	
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<p>1:02:20 (7:30 pm)</p>		<p>illegal to let a farmer give tractor/hayrides; Vice Chair Miller opened the floor to questions/comments from the audience: I'm opposed to the WRIA 17 Water Rule; We need water resource management; Learn about the dryland farming project and water conservation efforts; Planning Commission needs help to prioritize what needs to be done first; County is too restrictive to allow Green Houses; Planning Commission can lead the effort to improve local food reliance; Take careful look at the events from 2002 to 2011 and compare to Skagit County; we need fact-based community conversations; consider the legal framework; we need community support to fight WA Department of Ecology; this is a global issue and we're locally vulnerable; Consider the Quilcene model where kids are growing food – provides food and vocational training; We need to change the Comp Plan to downsize the zoning to allow farming on 1 acre parcels so you don't have to have 40 acres; Correct some misunderstandings heard tonight – agri-tourism is allowed; green houses are allowed, and agriculture is allowed on rural residential zoned land; Remember Department of Community Development offers 'planner of the day' coaching through the Watershed Stewardship Resource Center; Money spent on local ag re-circulates through the community; We need sustainable economy,</p>	
<p>(8:10 pm)</p>			

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<p>1:50:10 (8:20 pm)</p>		<p>jobs and household incomes; Let’s continue this dialogue, need to get statistics to the media, consider upcoming Northwest Earth Watch Institute discussion course “Menu for the Future”, and support Local 20/20 working on Food Resiliency; Please make this slideshow available online; We need more community supported agriculture (CSA); Look at Canada’s approach to greenhouses; Consider shed-boys approach to farm worker housing; Port of PT facilities at airport could be used for storage and processing; Consider creating a local Food Atlas and highlight local collaboration; We need help with local studies; Seattle Local Food Initiative; Food Policy Council; City – County collaboration; building a greenhouse for tomatoes should be easy; Let’s work on an issue that will bring our community together; we need short-term goals and action and to leverage existing efforts; How do we enact current good ideas – form a committee? Real estate is down lately but will come back up; Need to consider farmer housing and housing standards – affected by building industry and corporations; how do we meet the minimum standards; Why not a free housing permit for teachers; need more efficient housing; Local 20/20 Food Resiliency next monthly meeting March 7 @ the Public Works conference room; Need more family wage jobs; young people feel unappreciated and uninvolved;</p>	<p>Staff to post slideshow on County website</p>
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		<p>There are currently two District 1 vacancies on the Planning Commission; Ask the community how to become more young-family friendly; City and County planners do work together on community issues and shared training opportunities, not as divided as might be perceived; Commissioner Brotherton suggested forming a Planning Commission committee to work on the issue of food security come up with a plan by June; Commissioner Giske agreed and suggested writing a formal charge for the committee to establish expectations and meeting schedule (weekly at a minimum); Audience suggestion that PC committee start effort by collecting data from other groups already working on food issues; Commissioners discussed who might attend what community meetings; Staff offered to prepare overview list of other topics the Planning Commission might consider as Periodic Update proposed amendments as identified by previous PC review of Comp Plan chapter.</p>	
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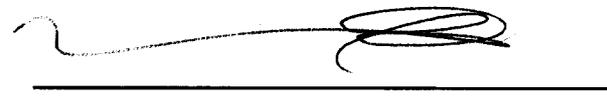
	Date of next Meeting:	<u>03 / 16 / 11</u> Month Day Year	
1:41:50	Agenda Topics for next meeting:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Farms & Food Security – How to proceed with Comp Plan Update 2. Joint Growth Management Steering Committee and Joint Economic Development Planning 	
1:58:07	Meeting Adjourned	Time <u>8:57 pm</u> by <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unanimous vote	

Approval of Minutes:

These meeting minutes were approved this 19th day of OCTOBER, 2011.



 Bill Miller, Chair



 Michelle McConnell, Interim PC Secretary