

Minutes of: Food System Council

Date: August 28, 2014 **Location:** 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98666 **Recorded by:** Theresa Cross

Time: 4:00-6:00pm **Mtg. chaired by:** Garrett Hoyt

Present: Bill Coleman, Ty Draszt, Carolyn Gordon, Kim Harless, Garrett Hoyt, Patty Ingraham, Mike Kretzschmar, Eric Lambert, Melissa Martin, Ron McKnight, Shawn Morill, Warren Neth, Greg Noelck, Karen Puyleart, Ellen Rogers

Guests: Jude Wait

Absent: Sandy Brown, Lynn Finely, Ann Foster, Erin Harwood, Jodell Hinojosa, Larry Scherer

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
Meeting Minute Approval	Garrett called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Minutes changed to reflect Bylaws Committee Patty Ingraham, Carolyn Gordon and Warren Neth. Staffing TBA.	July minutes approved as amended	
Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November FSC meeting changed to 3rd Thursday, November 20 due to Thanksgiving holiday. December meeting may be changed for the holidays; to be decided in November, pending a look at where the group is with their work. • Eric distributed Sep 20 Harvest Celebration farm tour flyer and asked members to help spread the word by checking on the Small Acreage Facebook page and sharing it, and distributing the flyer. Small Acreage Tour Sep 27 at Garden Delights CSA & Herb Farm. WSDA is seeking local farms interested in selling local foods for a Taste of Washington this fall. Eric spoke with reporter from The Columbian about a local 5 acre farm that is struggling; he mentioned land use concerns and his membership in the FSC • Jude shared that the Friends of Clark County is having a Farm-to-Fork fundraiser Sep 7 at the Weber Arboretum. The Center for Wise Democracy is hosting a Dynamic Facilitation and Wisdom Council Seminar Sep 15-17 in Portland which teaches “how to facilitate people to address difficult, emotional issues creatively and collaboratively and achieve unity on what to do.” Go to www.DynamicFacilitation.com, click Calendar of Seminars and Events, then Portland, OR. 40th Anniversary conference of Washington Tilth will be at the Vancouver Hilton Nov 7-9 to register or sign up as a volunteer go to http://tilthproducers.org/programs/conference-2/. • Carolyn noted that the Longview School District is hosting a free training for school garden volunteers • Warren shared that the Foley Orchard harvested 1,200# of pears (about half of what was there) from 150 trees. Warren leaves for Terra Madre Sep 8 and returns 		



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	Nov 2. When he returns he'll will connect with community groups to present about his experiences.		
Comp Plan Open House re-cap	Volunteers shared their experiences and observations. A question heard from a member of the public: "what are you asking for?"; "what do you think of a zoning change from 20 to 10 acre minimum?" Smaller parcels make it more difficult to make a living from farming, but they are easier for new farmers to access.		
Comp Plan next steps	<p>FSC discussed our "next steps" for informing the Comp Plan. Ideas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting the "<i>Conserving Food Production in Clark County</i>" document that was developed for the open houses as formal input to the comp plan, in a packet with a letter from FSC that would go to BOCC and city councils. • Recommendations for ag conservations will refer to prior research and reports that encourage a TDR feasibility study and creating agricultural districts, such as the <i>Growing Healthier Report</i>, the report from the Clark County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee, and <i>Integrating Food Policy in Comprehensive Planning: Strategies and Resources for the City of Seattle</i> document. Re-submit reports to remind commissioners of this prior work and recommendations. • Mike: how can we use population projections to find common goals with cities? Some cities could support their goals by incorporating "food goals". • Educating elected officials about zoning some land as "light industrial lands" that could be used for food processing, storage, and distribution systems. Incentives could be put into place to help address the regional need for this support-particularly for small & mid-size farms. Include economic strategies that include meat processing and small scale distribution. Update the "<i>Conserving Food Production in Clark County</i>" document to include these strateges. • Including language that makes Clark County a "farm friendly" county. • Interview Clackamas County staff currently working on a TDR plan there to learn how they are doing it. 		
FSC Facebook and social media	Shawn agreed to help FSC develop a social media plan and do some preliminary set up. Council needs to decide if the purpose of using social media such as Facebook is for sharing information only or to engage in advocacy. A website could be built after Facebook builds "buzz". Mike: if Council allows other groups to post things will get more animated and charged. Patty: FSC should encourage participation. A sub-committee is needed to develop rules and determine how it will be moderated. Committee: Ty Draszt, Mike Kretschmar, Eric Lambert, Shawn Morrill & Kim Harless.		



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<p>Food Day 2014</p>	<p>Platform is to promote access to healthy and local food. Ideas: launch FSC Facebook page; press release; BOCC proclamation; FSC packet containing letter & documents to support ag land conservation send to BOCC.</p>	<p>Staff to develop packet for BOCC; draft & schedule proclamation</p>	
<p>Next meeting: September 25</p>	<p>Policy, Systems and Environmental change training with Vic Colman</p>		

