

Minutes of: Food System Council

Date: January 20, 2011	Location: CASEE Center, 11104 NE 149 th St. Brush Prairie, WA 98606	Recorded by: Elspeth Durek
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Time: 4:00-6:00pm	Mtg. chaired by: Theresa Cross	Reviewed by: Team
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Present: Sandy Brown, Bill Cestnik, Paul Childers, Bill Coleman, Theresa Cross, Elspeth Durek, Dion Hess, Jhon Kuppens, Anne Lawrence, Tricia Mortell, Debe Nagy-Nero, Kristine Perry, Bruce Prenguber, Gayle Rothrock, Summer Steenbarger, **Guests:** Tammy Rodriguez, Carol Frame, Gordy Euler, Allie Van Nostran, Maika Horjus, Jodee Nickel, Cyndi Ellis, Beth Burda
Absent: Greta Holmstrom, Ron McKnight, Anna Petruolo, Amy Sidran, Doug Stienbarger, Jill teVelde

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Theresa called the meeting to order and introductions were made.		
Meeting Minute Approval	Minutes approved.		
Brief Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clark County Planning Meeting: Theresa attended and reported on this. The topic of food production on rural lands and the FSC letter that was sent in generated some discussion. Clark County attorney stated that local farm ordinances couldn't supersede state ordinances. Even though the RTF was not adopted, the FSC's presence was important and increased understanding on how the planning process works. ▪ Healthy Retail Project: This CPPW project is moving forward and Elspeth is developing a Project Plan with each of the 2 stores: St Johns IGA and ARCO Quick Stop, to improve layout and signage with the goal of increasing and promoting healthy food offerings and sales. ▪ Membership: The membership committee comprised of Anne L, Debe, Jhon and Bill Cestnick will meet and seek nominations. Elspeth will send out dates and timelines. ▪ Fruit Valley project: Tricia reported that this project is now moving towards the implementation phase. Some promising projects: CSA Gus & Co wants to increase their presence in Fruit Valley and develop a "Farmer comes to town" concept. The VHA has taken on an AmeriCorps worker to work on their livability component. ▪ 2nd year of Growing Groceries: The FSC welcomed Carol Frame, the new AmeriCorps volunteer since Caitlin left. She introduced herself and described her work with the 2nd year of the Growing Groceries Mentor Program and developing a garden collaborative in Fruit Valley. This year she will be focusing on strengthening the match of mentors to gardens. ▪ Culinary Institute of America food program in Napa Valley – Debe reported on this 2.5 day event she attended, co-sponsored by the Harvard School of Public Health. Through 	<p>Continue to provide updates on this grant project.</p> <p>Have Debe present this at a</p>	<p>Share the FSC work with others/increase community awareness.</p>



	lectures, food demos and a reception, culinary experts presented restaurant foodservice attendees with options for healthy meals high in fruits and vegetables, whole grain cereals and low in sodium. Debe was very impressed and would like to present at a future FSC meeting. Her only regret was they didn't address what quick service restaurants can do.	future FSC meeting	
Clark County Community Planning	<p>Speaker: Gordy Euler, Clark County Community Planning</p> <p>Gordy discussed some history on the Growth Management Act for the county and the Comprehensive Plan (available online). He also discussed the work of the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee (APAC) and the original Rural Lands Committee. At the conclusion of these two group processes, the Board of County Commissioners asked that three members of APAC join a new Rural Lands Task Force. The Task Force work was further defined to look at planning issues therefore recommendations in the APAC report that were outside of Community Planning's purvey were not addressed. Rural Lands Task Force issued a report in March, 2010. Some of these recommendations have been moving forward through the "retooling our code" updates. Batch 2B, which included the Right to Farm, will be part of the BOC Public Hearing on February 15. Additional recommendations are in Batch 4 which will be in front of planning and BOC later this year.</p> <p>He stated that a planning assumption of the Growth Management Act is that 90% of population is urban and 10% is rural. He discussed allowed use changes to rural centers and the use of best management practice, pointing out that agriculture and forest practices can happen anywhere in the county.</p> <p>Future activities related to Rural Lands Task Force Community Planning work plan will include studies on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Transfer Development Rights (TDR) ◦ Clustering: on resource land ◦ Minimum parcel size in rural areas ◦ Concept of rural reserve 		Feb 15: Public Hearing: Retooling Our Code - Batch 2B
"Patch: A Time to Build up Farms" by Justine Hanrahan	Justine described her 20 minute film as an "Art for Change" Vancouver School for the Arts and Academics high school project. The scarecrow represents Clark County's food system and each patch is an outlet through which one can support the food system. FSC members viewed the short film that informs about local, sustainable agriculture in Clark County, brings community together in a "know your farmer" concept. Interviews with 4 farms are featured, including Anne L's and Summer S's.		
	Next meeting: February 24, 2011 at the CASEE Center		

