



Notes: Equestrian Advisory Group Meeting: November 9, 2009

Members Present: Lee Ann Hunter, Laurie Burgess, Sue Svendsen, Butch Reynolds, Heidi Holmstrom-Olsen, Kathy Cannon, and Linda Small

Staff Present: Laurie Lebowsky, Monica Tubberville, and Jose Alvarez

Notes:

- Laurie Lebowsky went over the work program for the Equestrian Plan. She led a discussion regarding how the meetings are run. The group agreed to meet from 6-9 PM instead of 5:30-7:30 PM, and that the group will continue to meet the 2nd Monday of the month. The group agreed they would play it by ear regarding meeting more than once a month.
- Linda Small asked why one of the work items for the Equestrian Plan was to craft an Animal Cruelty ordinance. She said she thought the work more had to do with land use than with an Animal Cruelty Ordinance.
- Sue Svendsen said that she was familiar with the recently proposed Animal Cruelty Ordinance and that it addressed issues such as, ensuring that horses had appropriate living structures.
- Butch Reynolds said the Livestock Ordinance that was recently adopted included a requirement for a farm plan. He said that the County assumes the worst case scenario instead of the best case. He said the group should instead focus on an equestrian overlay network. Butch said that Clark County is one of the County's in Washington with the largest number of horses.
- Jose Alvarez said the product of the Equestrian Advisory Group's work is to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the best approach to promote the equestrian community in Clark County.
- Butch said part of that promotion should include maps of horse trails.
- Kathy Cannon said that the County should provide a brochure that says where are the horse trails and where people could park their horse trailers.

- Sue Svendsen said the Equestrian Plan should identify the need for better signage for horseback riders.
- Laurie Burgess said more should be done to assist high school Equestrian groups, as well as, high school rodeo.
- Mary Ann Simonds said the plan should include goals and objectives, and one of those goals should be sustainability.
- The group then decided to go into a brainstorming exercise that Mary Ann Simonds facilitated.
- After the brainstorming exercise, Laurie Lebowsky asked if the group had any more comments. Hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.