

MEETING SUMMARY

Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Held 01/31/07

Agriculture Service Center
6975 Hannegan Rd
(NRCS OFFICE)
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Members present: Chuck Antholt, John Gillies, Todd Jones, Ken Schilke, Russell Simonson, Tom Thornton and Vicki Hawley. Staff: Kraig Olason, PDS, Jessica Buer, PDS. Guests: Craig MacConnell, Coop. Ext. and Calvin Bratt, Lynden Tribune.

1. Review of minutes.

The minutes for the 12-06-06 meeting were reviewed. Todd motioned to approve the minutes. Ken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

2. Rural Lands Study

A final draft of the Rural Lands Study was provided to the Committee. Kraig reviewed the draft with the Committee. Kraig stated that the current APO criteria could be exchanged with the rural lands identified and mapped in this study. Kraig informed the Committee that a series of residential development maps had been added to the report to provide a background of residential development permit activity from 2000 to August of 2006.

John and Craig expressed their concerns regarding the wetland soils analysis results from Exhibit D. Chuck recommended that John, Craig and Kraig meet with the GIS staff responsible for the analysis to clarify the specific methods used to obtain the final soil analysis results.

A power point presentation was provided detailing each of the proposed rural land areas. After reviewing each area the Committee agreed to remove the South Pass Road R5A and R10A areas. Additionally, the Committee asked PDS staff to modify the Lawrence Road and Minaker Road areas by creating area boundary lines that follow parcel lines in an attempt to remove the steep, forested portions.

The Committee voted to accept the final draft of the rural lands study with the stated changes: 1) Lawrence Road modifications, 2) Minaker Road modifications, and 3) South Pass Road R5A and R10A area removal. A motion was made to approve the rural land study. Ken seconded the motion. The Committee approved the rural land study with stated changes.

Kraig stated that the rural land study would be presented to Council on February 13th or 26th of 2007 and invited any and all committee members to attend.

3. TDR Presentation

Kraig stated that he is working to schedule a date with Snohomish County TDR program representatives, Whatcom County Council, the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the PDR Committee, as well as city representatives. The proposed presentation date is February 20th, 2007

Next meeting: February 14th at 3:00PM.

Signed,

Chuck Antholt, Chair