



Food System Committee

Wednesday December 1, 2021

3:30-5:00 PM

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Minutes

Members Present:

Name	Sector	Present
	Export Sales Farming	
Margaret Gerard	Local Sales Farming	X
	Fishing	
Nikki Oleson	Processing/Distribution	X
Riley Sweeney	Food Access	X
Amber Noskoff	Nutrition/ Public Health	X
	Labor	
Krista Rome	Natural Resources	X
	Whatcom Food Network	

Others Present: Ali Jensen, WCHD and FSC staff; Rhys Thorvald-Hansen, Whatcom Food Network; Astrid Newell, WCHD Staff.

Call to order: Margaret started the meeting at 3:33.

Land Acknowledgement

Determination of Quorum

Quorum

Approval of minutes

Riley made a motion to approve; Krista seconded. all approved.

Public Comment

None

Funding Updates

The budget request for a consultant was approved by Council. The Food System Leadership Network granted the Food System Committee \$1000 and we can use it however we want. Riley suggested we could spend it on ads to get the word about the food system planning out to marginalized communities.

Consultant Finalization

The group narrowed down the consultant list to two finalists: Terra Soma and New Venture Advisors. Both had mostly pros. The group weighed the size of the consultant organizations, as well as their commitment to equity and their respective portfolios. Ultimately, the group decided New Venture Advisors will be the first option and Terra Soma will be a backup option.

Rhys said the WFN is ramping up and is excited to participate in the planning process.

CFA Finalization

The group reviewed a couple of minor edits and spent some time discussing the language around Latinx/Latino/Latina. With the minor edits, the Riley moved to approve the CFA. Margaret seconded and all approved.

Ali will draft a press release to accompany the CFA. Riley and Margaret will review.

Next steps

Ali will reach out to the consultants and will coordinate the SOW, timelines, and budget info. She will also send some polls for when we should meet in 2022.

Krista moved to adjourn, riley seconded.

Next Meeting to be determined in January Meeting adjourned at: 4:55