

# KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

## MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

4:00-7:00 P.M.

*PIKE PLACE MARKET COMMONS*

### PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA

(AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE TENTATIVE)

4:00	<b>Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Introductions</li><li>• Approval of Agenda</li><li>• Approval of Minutes (March)</li></ul>	Leann Krainick, Chair Pro Tem
4:15	<b>Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Welcome</b>	John Turnbull, Pike Place Market
4:20	<b>Public Comment</b> related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person; limit 3 people same side of any issue</i>	Leann Krainick
4:25	<b>Old Business - Updates</b> (approx. 2 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission Details - recruitment process</li><li>• KC Ag Program<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Regulatory/Permitting</li><li>○ Policy/Economic Development</li></ul></li><li>• Pearson Eddy</li><li>• Land Conservation Initiative</li><li>• King Conservation District</li><li>• Farm Bureau</li><li>• Winery Code Amendments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patrice Barrentine</li><li>• Richard Martin</li><li>• Eric Beach</li><li>• Patrice Barrentine</li><li>• Richard Martin</li><li>• Leann Krainick</li><li>• Josh Monaghan</li><li>• Bruce Elliott, Rosella Mosby</li><li>• Patrice Barrentine</li></ul>
4:30	<b>King County's review of 4:1 program</b>	Ivan Miller, Comp Plan Manager, Executive's Office
5:00	<b>Pike Place Market's Farm Program Annual Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview</li><li>• Farmers Market Data from 2018</li><li>• CSA data 2018</li></ul>	Leigh Newman-Bell, Sidra Schkerke
5:30	<b>Break</b>	
5:45	<b>Officer Nominations and Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair</li><li>• Vice Chair</li></ul>	Leann Krainick
6:10	<b>Policies and Procedures</b>	Patrice Barrentine, Leann Krainick, Amy Holmes, Lora Liegel, Sarah Collier
6:50	<b>General Public Comment</b> <i>3 minutes/person; limit 3 people same side of any issue</i>	Leann Krainick
6:55	<b>Concerns of Commissioners</b>	Leann Krainick
7:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	Leann Krainick

**Next Meeting : January 10, 5-7 pm, King Street Center,  
following new commissioner orientation from 11:30 am-3:30 pm with the Rural Forest Commission**

# 2018 Meeting Topics

Complete	Topic	Who	When	Outcomes	
				Letter advising County Executive / Council	Notes
✓	New Commissioner Orientation	Staff	Mar 8		
✓	New Commissioners Take Voting Seats		Mar		
✓	Communication: Council and Memo	Commission	Mar	✓	Invited to 5/1 Planning, Rural Service and Environment Committee
-	Commission Policies and Procedures: Review and Modify	Commission	Mar, tabled to April		
✓	Commissioner Representation on Committees/Boards	Commission	Mar/Apr		
✓	WSU Food Systems Program	Laura Lewis	Apr		
✓	KC Land Acquisition Policy	John Taylor	Apr		
-	Commission Policies and Procedures: Review and Modify	Commission	Apr, tabled to October		
✓	Presented to Council's Planning, Rural Service and Environment Committee	Commission	May 1		Presentation Committee; presenters: Leann, Amy, Meredith
✓	Tour of Holmestead Farms	Commission	May 10		
✓	Farmland Preservation Program	Ted Sullivan	May		
✓	Livestock Processing Project	Patrice Barrentine	May		
✓	Local Food Initiative Annual Report	Mike Lufkin	May		
✓	New Local Services Initiative	Alan Painter	May		
✓	Presented to Rural Forest Commission	Commission	May 17		Executive Committee
✓	FFF 2.0 Select Ag Strategic Plan Task Force representative	Commission	July		Nayab Kahn
✓	Livestock Program Overview	Rick Reinlasoder	July		

✓	Tour of Enumclaw Sales Pavilion	Kim Buss	July	
✓	Farm Tour for Councilmembers and Staff	Commission	July 26	Farm Tour Committee
✓	FFF 2.0 Overview, Caucus, Task Force	Commission, Staff	Sept	
✓	APD Signage	Patrice Barrentine	Sept	
✓	Form Policies and Procedures Committee	Commission	Sept	
	What's Going on with Ag in Other Counties?	Pierce	Fall	
✓	Local Food Initiative	Mike Lufkin	Oct	
✓	Policies and Procedures	Commission	Oct	
✓	Policies and Procedures	Commission	Nov	
✓	Nominate and Select Executive Committee	Commission	Nov	
✓	Review Comp Plan proposals for 4:1 protections and zoning for Natural Resource Lands	Ivan Miller	Nov	
	Farmland Preservation Program	Ted Sullivan	Jan	
	Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program		Jan	



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**King County Agriculture Commission  
DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Maple Valley Fire Station #81, Maple Valley**

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Ex Officio</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>
Leann Krainick, Chair Pro-Tem	X		Lora Liegel		X	Fereshteh Dehkordi, DPER		X
Amy Holmes, Vice Chair Pro-Tem		X	Darron Marzolf	X		Becky Elias, SKCPH		X
Roger Calhoun		X	Meredith Molli	X		Josh Monaghan, KCD	X	
Sarah Collier		X	Rosella Mosby	X		John Taylor, DNRP	X	
Bruce Elliott	X		Leigh Newman-Bell	X		Kevin Wright, WSU	X	
Year Eng		X	Paul Pink	X				
Nayab Khan		X						

*P=Present; A=Absent*

<b>County Staff/Representatives Present</b>		
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP	
Mike Lufkin, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP	

<b>Guests Present</b>		
Lily Gottlieb-McHale, Shared Soil Farm	Dennis West, Farm Bureau	

**Meeting Action Summary**

- **Approval of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
- **Commission, County, and Organizational Updates**
- **Local Food Initiative Update**
- **Commission Policies & Procedures Review (Discussion)**

**Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm**

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Patrice Barrentine noted one addition from a prior emailed version, a County SWM fee budget update by John Taylor. Meredith Molli motioned to accept the agenda as written; Rosella Mosby seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018)**

Rosella Mosby motioned to accept the minutes as written; Meredith Molli seconded. The motion carried unanimously, except one (1) abstention.

**Public Comment (Related to a Specific Agenda Item)**

There was no public comment during this period.

**Old Business – Updates**

- **Commission Details (Patrice Barrentine):**
  - Two nominations for new Commissioners have been approved by DNRP and have gone to the County Executive’s office for confirmation, and may proceed to King County Council (KCC) in the next couple of weeks. If approved, these new Commissioners would start in March 2019.
- **Land Conservation Initiative (Leann Krainick)**

- Darren Greve notified Ms. Krainick there will be an LCI “Phase 3” meeting in November, date to be determined. Mr. Greve indicated there would be no committees involved, but Ms. Krainick was not clear on if this would be a general informational meeting, or a final celebratory gathering. This meeting will be after the November Commission meeting; Patrice Barrentine will distribute any urgent information that may arise. Ms. Krainick will have Ms. Barrentine forward the LCI meeting date when available, and encouraged all to attend the meeting, to be held at King Street Center in Seattle.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):**
  - One deliverable of the FFF 2.0 buffers task force is a white paper from an agricultural perspective on the pros and cons of buffer planting. A detailed outline has been developed, to be followed by a draft due the beginning of November. The draft will undergo a series of reviews, including being available for Commission review by late December or early January. The next Commission meeting after that is January 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Martin said the Commission may want more time than that to more thoroughly review the draft in a committee. Final Commission comments on the paper are due January 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Working Farmland Partnership (WFP): The first tentative farmer-landowner match is in progress, with a couple of farmers interested in leasing a 40-acre piece of land in the Snoqualmie Valley.
  - Bee Cha is assessing King County’s immigrant farming communities, seeking the best way to conduct outreach, and improve understanding of these communities and their needs. His report is expected by the end of the year. Mr. Cha is also conducting a market analysis of rental rates for King County farmers, expected to be complete in the next two weeks. The information will be made public; Patrice Barrentine suggested it may go up on the Farm King County website. Mr. Cha’s third major task is providing professional technical inspection of County-owned farmlands to ensure they are managed to the extent of the County’s ability.
  - The County BMP cost-share program managed by Rick Reinlasoder, which matches funds to decrease costs of landowner-support projects supported by NRCS and KCD, has expanded to fund larger projects. This is due to a newly-expanded funding cap this year, largely prompted by the previous cap not resulting in significant water quality improvements. Some of the new work includes more dairies, high-tunnels, and working with the Snoqualmie WID to cover the cost of fish screens in the Valley.
  - Mr. Martin and Mr. Reinlasoder have been working on a transfer of water rights from a King County Parks property to the downstream County-owned Sammamish Farms, delivering irrigation water to that land. This is expected to be completed in the next year.
- **Pearson Eddy (Richard Martin):**
  - Drainage options and alternatives are currently under discussion. The County had a talk with Cynthia Krass and Erin Ericson of the Snoqualmie WID, who will submit a letter to NRCS in the near future with their recommendations. The County will then provide a formal response to the letter, likely full support. Several areas are under focus: repairing a dysfunctional drainage system in Snohomish County; determining a management plan for the main local water control structure; replacing a large drainage pump in King County; and clearing 80 acres of woods, the latter of which is especially challenging due to permitting constraints. The goal is to return the cleared land to agricultural use to assure long-term drainage maintenance on it. A net benefit to clearing the trees must be shown, by completing other habitat improvement projects, like planting buffers on treeless mainstem areas of the Snoqualmie River. Mr. Martin stressed the arguments need to be solid to ensure support of tribes and other salmon recovery interests. The WID letter should be available for review in the next couple of days, after which the County will meet to determine the extent of its support for the recommendations.
  - Leann Krainick asked if the Commission wants to keep Pearson Eddy updates as a standing agenda item. Meredith Molli agreed doing so would be good, and there was no dissent.
- **King Conservation District (Josh Monaghan):**
  - Flood Control District (FCD) Grant: KCD applies for this yearly to fund agricultural drainage work, and is key for work with programs such as ADAP. This year a very competitive grant process resulted in KCD’s asked-for amount being halved, due to FCD wanting to spread available funds more widely. KCD is going to “think creatively” about how this will affect their work. Talks are sought with FCD to decide if there’s a better way to fund this drainage work than the grant process. Meredith Molli asked where the remainder of ADAP’s funding comes from; Mr. Monaghan said half comes from County stormwater/Surface Water Management (SWM) fees.
  - County Agricultural Strategic Plan: Discussion is underway to determine how this work aligns with FFF 2.0’s agricultural strategic planning efforts for the Snoqualmie Valley. The review focuses on “gaps” in other jurisdictions’ existing agriculture strategic planning efforts: implications of climate

change to King County farming, and economics of different farm enterprises across King County, including creating a farmers' "playbook" to help expand business and be aware of resource/economic constraints.

- **Farm Fish Flood 2.0 (Josh Monaghan, Richard Martin):**
  - At a recent farm caucus meeting, a diagram of communication channels was reviewed. Mr. Monaghan said a key for him and Meredith Molli to serve as FFF IOC farm representatives is to talk to farmers, to learn how the plans being looked at will impact those farmers. Four basic topics under this were addressed at the caucus meeting: (1) a recommendation to add a second farmer to the buffer task force; (2) Libby Reed has agreed to serve as a farm representative on the IOC committee; (3) looking at farm caucus' work in relation to the regulatory task force in terms of if they are going the right direction; and (4) how to track the amount/area of farmland going into buffers, for the Snoqualmie agriculture strategic plan. Richard Martin clarified this tracking is for all plantings that can be historically documented, and is a side product of the buffers task force white paper. He said while just the Snoqualmie region is being addressed now, the process may expand countywide in the future.
  - Farm caucus members have asked how their progress is being tracked. Mr. Monaghan, as an IOC co-chair, will bring this theme to the next IOC meeting, to ensure understanding in how to do this well.
  - The next IOC meeting is the morning of November 7<sup>th</sup> in Duvall. Important agenda items include (1) targeted discussion of priorities, to ensure the most important ones are being worked on and how best to represent that progress; and (2) developing a communications plan, to keep people informed on FFF work and goals.
- **Farm Bureau (Rosella Mosby, Bruce Elliott):**
  - The King/Pierce Bureau's annual meeting and banquet is this coming Monday night in Sumner; interested attendees should contact Ms. Mosby.
  - Mr. Elliott said the Bureau recently received a letter from Grant County, advocating voluntary agricultural drainage stewardship for critical areas, instead of a "one size fits all" regulatory policy.
  - The new Pierce County Agricultural Committee had requested two support staff positions. However, Ms. Mosby said, the provided funding is not sufficient to implement the request.
- **Focus on Farming Conference (Patrice Barrentine):**
  - Ms. Barrentine encouraged Commissioners to let her know if they wish to attend the Focus on Farming conference on November 8<sup>th</sup>. King County is a sponsor, so there is no cost to Commissioners. Leann Krainick is presenting, along with several others. Ms. Barrentine said there was one presenter slot open, with a stipend, and invited anyone interested to contact her.
  - Kevin Wright announced the regional Women in Agriculture conference on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the WSU Extension office in Renton. The conference focus will be "financial fitness" and is open to all.
  - Ms. Barrentine, Mr. Wright, and Sarah Collier attended the WSU Food Systems Team Strategic Planning Retreat in Prosser last week. Ms. Barrentine said the experience was very valuable for determining statewide and regional strategies to assist agricultural producers.

### Local Food Initiative Update (Mike Lufkin)

Mr. Lufkin presented on the status of the County's Local Food Initiative (LFI), launched in 2014 to determine how to expand the local food economy, and increase access to healthy/affordable food for low-income communities.

The 2018 Kitchen Cabinet meeting featured a presentation of the annual LFI report, a discussion on progress, and evaluation of opportunities to improve goal implementation. There were three main "takeaways" from the meeting: a need to (1) improve communication about/around the LFI; (2) re-engage the Cabinet and use it more strategically; and (3) prioritize and focus on key needs by going "deeper" instead of "broader." On the communications front, a communications intern has been hired, and there will be a regular blog/newsletter for the LFI. There was a stakeholder meeting over the summer, where it was discussed how to reconstitute the Cabinet to be active and more engaged. The goal is to relaunch by the end of the year with more focused priorities. Mr. Lufkin noted a major challenge of the LFI's broad scope, that bringing together people around a few key work areas is difficult.

He highlighted several key programs of the LFI:

- **Farmland Access:** The County's goal is to return annually 400 acres of land to food production, through means such as the aforementioned WFP and land needs assessment for immigrant farmer communities.
- **Irrigation Water:** One element of this is a recycled water consumer education project, undertaken by King County Wastewater Division, Washington Water Trust, and WSU Extension. The County is also researching County-owned water rights, determining what might be used for agricultural purposes; results are expected in

the next few weeks. Examples of progress in this area are the recent transfer of water rights from a County park to the Sammamish River farm, and work by the Snoqualmie WID in leasing water to farms.

- **Food Waste:** The goal is to decrease the amount of edible food waste by 25% in 10 years. Key elements of this include: (1) King County Solid Waste, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), and consultants determining baselines for edible food waste and current food recovery efforts; (2) a “food rescue innovation lab” for non-profits and other private sector entities, held by SPU on November 7<sup>th</sup>; and (3) identifying cold storage infrastructure to support food recovery. Leann Krainick asked where food waste fed to animals, but not people, factors into this process. Mr. Lufkin replied it would probably be included the baseline, but there does need to be a discussion on it. He also noted it is difficult to get data from businesses on the amount of food waste they generate. There needs to be a comprehensive assessment of food bank donations and waste, compared against retailers’ data. He stressed the need for cold storage space as a big obstacle to improving food recovery.
- **Food System Infrastructure:** The goal is to improve food processing, distribution, and marketing infrastructure to better support small farms. Examples of this include: the County’s planned mobile meat-processing unit (“Beefing Up Infrastructure”); Goose and Gander Farm’s Aggregation Project; and the CDFA Kellogg Foundation Project.
- **Food Access/Fresh Bucks:** The target of this is to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables in identified priority populations, including low-income. “Fresh Bucks” is a program geared toward making produce more affordable at farmers’ markets and retailers, including dollar-for-dollar matches on EBT purchases made by SNAP customers. Seattle, through revenue from its sweetened drink tax, is investing in expansion of the Fresh Bucks program, and now has a partnership with Safeway to use Fresh Bucks at their stores. However, primary funding for Fresh Bucks, a federal grant, ends at the end of 2019. This will result in loss of funding for Fresh Bucks in many non-Seattle areas of King County. Currently new funding sources are sought to continue the program. The state health department is asking for an additional \$1.7M in the state’s annual budget, and private funding through some public foundations in Seattle is also being pursued. Mr. Lufkin noted that annual costs to run the Fresh Bucks program are currently about \$400K.
- **Food and Farm System Data Center:** This is intended as a local food systems data collection system. It would be an interactive mapping platform and central hub, housed on the Farm King County website, with data on local agriculture. The aim is to track progress toward LFI targets; inform development of policy and funding decisions; engage the public; and complement existing community indicators. The hope is that this will be useful to farmers as well as general public. The first version is expected to launch next month; feedback is welcomed.

Mr. Lufkin concluded by saying he will work with Patrice Barrentine to identify key projects, and return to update the Commission on a regular basis.

Leann Krainick asked if there is any connection between the WFP and the Farmlink program. Richard Martin explained that the WFP is a more actively-engaged progression of the Farmlink program, the latter of which takes a more passive approach to matching farmland with farmers. WFP is more closely aligned with PCC’s “Farm to Farmer” program, while Farmlink will remain with Tilth Alliance. Leigh Newman-Bell noted that Farmlink actually wishes to pursue a more active approach to these matchups, but do not currently have the budget to do so.

Ms. Krainick encouraged all parties interested in the Kitchen Cabinet to contact Mr. Lufkin, saying that more farmer voices and input are needed. Ms. Barrentine added that she and Mr. Lufkin have discussed how the Commission can be more engaged in the LFI, which resulted in formation of two Commission subcommittees: Marketing, Promotion, and Processing; and Farm King County Technical Assistance.

### County SWM Fee/Budget Update (John Taylor)

Mr. Taylor announced he has left the position of assistant director of DNRP’s Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD) to take the position of Director for the County’s newly-formed Department of Local Services (DLS). He reviewed the goals of DLS, which center on tracking and improving County services for unincorporated King County residents. Formation of DLS is largely a reorganization of existing County resources, with only three new staff positions added. One position, focused on economic development, would work with County agriculture staff and the Commission on an economic development strategy for rural unincorporated areas, as well as determining a similar strategy for poorly-served urban unincorporated areas.

He then updated the Commission on the upcoming County SWM fee increase. This increase will not be as high as the one prior, from \$240 to \$289 per parcel for single-family residential homeowners and farmers. Intended outcomes of the increase include: (1) reviewing a backlog of County stormwater infrastructure likely to fail in the next decade and

proactively maintaining/repairing it; (2) transferring more money to the Roads division, as water is the biggest threat to roads; and (3) adding about \$1.1M to the agricultural drainage assistance program (ADAP) budget.

Revenue is also expected to be invested in fish-passage barriers in waterways. This is due to the state losing a Supreme Court case against local tribes, who argued that state culverts violate treaty fishing rights. The state is to fix all their culverts to make them fish-passable; counties are expected to be held to a similar standard. Mr. Taylor said there will be a program to prioritize all fish barriers in King County, with a hope to put more money into fixing them and get some flexibility in the state's standards – essentially, to invest more money in barriers for waterways where there are fish. A framework for this proposal is expected by the end of the year.

Patrice Barrentine asked how far along the budget review process is and if there is any expected resistance from KCC on the SWM fee increase. Mr. Taylor answered there had not yet been any budget hearings, but panels were expected to be held next week. Next Tuesday they will hear the SWM/DLS budgets. He noted some Councilmembers remain skeptical about rate increases, and it would not be surprising if the increase ends up less than what was sent to KCC.

**\*\*BREAK\*\***

### **Policies & Procedures Review and Discussion (Commissioners)**

Leann Krainick opened up discussion on reviewing and updating the Commission's "Policies and Procedures" document, which has not been updated since 1997. She, Amy Holmes, and Patrice Barrentine drafted a new version earlier this year, using the Rural Forest Commission's Policies and Procedures document as a template.

The Commission as a whole began a line-by-line review of the new draft, comparing it with the old version and suggesting revisions. Ms. Barrentine tracked and noted suggestions. Main points of revision included:

- Cleaning up formatting and numbering for improved clarification/readability.
- The importance of retaining a mission statement for the Commission.
- Defining the structure of public comment periods and the Chair's power/flexibility in implementing that structure, to allow for more active public comment periods and (if applicable) entertaining Commission letters requested by the public.
- Changing the deadline for sending meeting notices and documents to Commissioners to six (6) days prior to each Commission meeting.
- Clarifying Commissioner limits in presenting or interpreting Commission policy to the public or other entities: a Commissioner may speak as a private individual, but may not make statements on behalf of the Commission, unless the Commission has voted on the policy in question.

After further discussion, Ms. Barrentine agreed to highlight/notate differences between the new and older versions of the document, along with citing page or section numbers, and including short explanations for any deletions. It was also requested that already-reviewed material be noted to avoid duplicated effort. Ms. Barrentine said the Commission could continue this review in-meetings as done tonight, or through email.

### **Committee Breakouts (Commissioners)**

This item was skipped, due to shortage of available time and Commissioners present.

### **New Business: Nominations for Officers (Leann Krainick)**

Ms. Krainick noted that Mike Lufkin has joined the Commission's technical assistance committee.

She announced that November's meeting will be hers and Amy Holmes' last as Chair and Vice Chair. She reviewed the time commitments and benefits to serving in these roles. Nominations to fill these positions are needed by November's meeting, in order to vote and have the new Chair and Vice Chair in place for the January meeting. Anyone with nominations or an interest in serving should notify Patrice Barrentine. Ms. Barrentine agreed to send out an email notice. She added that the term commitment for these positions is one (1) year, and that as members of the Executive Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair set the time and location of Commission meetings.

### **Public Comment (General)**

There was no public comment during this period.

### **Concerns of Commissioners**

- **Meredith Molli** asked that Mike Lufkin return to present to the Commission on the LFI but, instead of a presentation, come with "asks" for the Commission, so the Commission can advise on this topic. She also requested that information about a prior-mentioned unspecified Land Committee issue be emailed, as there has not been a chance to address it in a meeting. Richard Martin replied the most pressing issue with this

committee involves the County wanting a better sense of how it wants to function, as there have been scheduling concerns and multiple meeting cancellations. Patrice Barrentine agreed to start an email discussion to address these, and if requested bring information on them to the Commission meeting next month as a feature/Q & A with Ted Sullivan and Mr. Martin.

- **Rosella Mosby** announced she would miss the November meeting, due to traveling in Germany with several other women farmers chosen as part of the McCoy Fellowship to collaborate with German farmers.
- **Leann Krainick** advised that next month's meeting will be at Pike Place Market. **Leigh Newman-Bell** said she and Ms. Barrentine are working on details, including parking validation, to be emailed beforehand.

***Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm***

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### **Next Meeting**

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Pike Place Market, Market Commons (Seattle)