

**Ag Advisory Board**  
**November 16, 2005**

Attendees

Lyle Wesen  
Murray Benjamin  
Kim Mower  
Mike Hulbert  
Bill McMoran  
Oscar Lagerlund  
Randy Good  
Dave Boon  
Kraig Knutzen (for Roger)

Jan Flagan  
John Vendeland  
Ric Boge  
Holly Freishtat  
Bob Rose  
Sara Jo Breslow  
Carly Ruacho  
Jessica Gigot

Absent

Roger Knutzen  
Annie Lohman  
Bob Hughes  
Rose Merritt

Oscar Lagerlund called meeting to order 7.05pm

Bob Rose introduced Holly Freishtat in conjunction with Mind Garden Group for marketing. Stationed at EDASC. On SPF's payroll. **[refer to resume – gave background]**

Minutes – Dave Boon moved, Lyle seconded, september & october as submitted.

Bayview

Ric & Jan. Status of Bayview Plan. Work Session with Commissioners last week. Covering same territory covered in the BCC meeting.

Ric background. Ric answers basic questions (background – handout)

Plan does not replace stormwater/drainage requirements associated with development. Semrau Survey & Engineering and Tetrattech are conducting the feasibility study. 95% draft has been released. Since release of that draft, PW meeting with more interest groups and will continue to do so as the plan goes forward.

Jan further technical info. Status of perimeter ditch. wasn't planning on going over details on projects; as Ric pointed out, this is a study to address increased flow – not other issues, which are addressed under drainage code.

pretty much agreement with approach, but costs have been a concern. Idea that has come up is perimeter ditch. has some positives – captures all water. on the other hand, you want some flows on lowlands. examining for technical feasibility. Possibly a portion in perimeter ditch. Possibility of making hill ditch fish enhancement.

Mike Hulbert – timeline for hill ditch anal. Jan – completed by mid-December. Ric – will come back to this group, WWAA, District Commissioners, etc. Another briefing in front of Commissioners prior to asking BCC to make a decision.

intent of plan is to maintain or improve drainage conditions below ridge.

trying to keep everyone informed and get some comments/guidance as project develops.

Kraig appreciates effort to split plan and funding, but concerned about that – believes funding and plan go hand in hand. If funding isn't taken into account, plan will never be implemented. Worried that we'll end up with water without any improvement.

Jan – if hill ditch seems feasible, address flow issues in design stage.

Jan – what I'm hearing is that AAB supports the hill ditch concept (nervously, says Oscar Lagerlund). One thing PW tried to do in the development of this plan was maintain open communications. Coordination with Drainage Districts was critical.

Lyle – hill ditch might be classifiable as fish project. A lot of money available for that kind of project.

Ric – doesn't see why drainage districts couldn't play bigger role in review of development drainage plans.

#### Critical Areas Lawsuit

Annie out of town @ farm bureau meeting

#### Land Use Committee Update

Mike Hulbert – meeting regularly. Timeframe for the Comprehensive Plan Update; code revisions.

Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, noon, Sauk Room. 7<sup>th</sup>, go line by line through changes, to see if it is reflective of Board's position. On 14<sup>th</sup>, finalize position.

- Farmstand – seasonal roadside stands. max size limit of 5,000 square feet. different permitting levels. 300sqft and under – building permit. 300-2,000 administrative special use permit. 2,000-5,000 hearing examiner special use permit. From “portion” of products grown in Skagit County to “significant portion.” Any non-ag products needed to be related to operation – i.e. Rosabella's Garden is focused on apples, so, pie plates, apple aprons, apple recipe books, etc etc. Owner-operator.
- Accessory Dwelling Units – nothing major.
- Setbacks – place mobile home; must be located within farmstead; provided no land is taken out of production.
- Farmworker housing/Temporary Manufactured Home – tighten language. works average 20hrs/week/yr (1,040 hours/year). Require yearly self-certification, including Form 943.
- Bed & Breakfast – secondary & incidental to actively managed agricultural operation.
- Home Based Business 2 – incidental to an agricultural operation.
- Habitat Conversion (Special Use & Code revision) -

Murray Benjamin - Motion on floor to change meeting to the 13<sup>th</sup> for December 2005 in order to review proposed code revisions, second Lyle Wesen. Carries. 6pm-8pm. Christmas party?!?

#### Miscellaneous

Rose Merritt and opening request for candidates – after 1<sup>st</sup> of year??? Holiday season will be difficult to get response. Dave Boon move to accept rose's resignation, Murray Benjamin 2<sup>nd</sup>. carried.

#### Agenda for December meeting

- Code Revision Recommendations for Comprehensive Plan Update process 2005
- Update on Critical Areas Lawsuit
- Update on Bayview (if progress).

Oscar Lagerlund called for adjournment. Adjourn @ 8.10pm.

**Ask Oscar Lagerlund re: having Molly Doran, Shirley Solomon visit.**

**Schedule meeting with Oscar Lagerlund to discuss opportunity for “100-year vision” discussion. Also, comp plan requirements laid out in update. Also, People for Puget Sound.**

**Bobbie –**

**Schedule December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – 6-8 pm in Skagit Room.**

**Notify members with reminder notices & agenda.**

**Help getting set up – extra tables in Skagit Room.**

**Help identifying (if funds available) caterer (or whoever) to provide holiday meal.**

**Allison – START BAKING!!!**

**Notify PW that meeting has changed to 13<sup>th</sup> in case there has been progress on Bayview.**