

Skagit County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

Members Attendance

Scott DeGraw	Mike Hulbert	Wendy Pare
Owen Peth	Steve Sakuma	Andrea Xaver

Members Absent

Keith Wiggers

Staff and Others in Attendance

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works
Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM

Member Update

Andrea requested that the Committee discuss the Accelerate Program in King County. This program was recently featured on the website crosscut.com and will be discussed at the next CFAC meeting.

Kara mentioned she attended a meeting with Governor Inslee called “Results Washington” which featured Skagit County Agriculture as the main topic. At the meeting Kara spoke about the Farmland Legacy Program. Other attendees spoke about other Skagit County farming programs.

Meeting Minutes

Mike moved to approve the March 14, 2017 meeting minutes and Andrea seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Found Resolution

Kara summarized Resolution 16766, Approval of the Recommendations of the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Committee and Initiating a Purchase of Development Rights Program for Farmland Preservation signed on November 24, 1997. Andrea also referenced Ordinance 16380, Approval of the Recommendations of the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Committee and Initiating a Purchase of Development Rights Program for Farmland Preservation, signed December 2, 1996.

The CFAC discussed Skagit County farmland value and why it’s important to make the program appeal to a wider audience to create interest in saving farmland and open space.

Pending Applications

Kara reported the status of all pending applications. Appraisals have been ordered for two properties. She also said two other properties are good candidates for the Washington State Recreation Office grant program submittal in 2018.

FLP Annual Report

Andrea made suggestions on content and Kara will have an update at the next meeting.

Other Business

Kara is working with a potential new applicant. The property is near Hwy 20 and Telegraph Slough Road near the Twin Bridges.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM