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**Minutes
October 12, 2016**

Present: Dave (left early), Chuck, Paul, Tim, Al, Gordy, Tom, Lisa, Fred, Absent: Ken, Aubrey and Steve

Guest: Dick Whitmore, Dale Pernula, Kirk Johnson, John Cooper Doug Couvelier

- I. Minutes: Next meeting.
- II. Discussion:

- a. RFI update: Date, Kirk and John from PDS came to give an update on what they want to take to the Planning Commission at their next meeting (tomorrow). Dave was unable to be present for the PDS presentation and he has been the point person for the FAB on this issue. Kirk said he has taken over since Gary Christensen's departure. He noted that they were still trying to model the ordinance after King County's version, but it is different than what they had 8 years ago when this process was started by the FAB and they did the initial research and proposal. Kirk said there are more restrictions. FAB noted that King County also has a forestry division. Kirk and John distributed handouts. John distributed a picture of slide next to a house near Lake Cavanaugh that he said was due to trees being removed near the house (they had been deemed danger trees). The FAB questioned the situation and explained certain circumstances create situations that are not logging related. Lengthy discussion. John Cooper explained that the cut off for size of property would be 10 acres due to the requirements of a CaRD land division. PDS said that RFI applies to all situations already except when there is a CaRD subdivision (or any subdivision but they were not prepared to talk about all subdivisions and would get back to the FAB). PDS added the requirement to have a storm water study done if the CaRD would be having forestry retained as the open space. There was discussion on this. There was also the suggestion by Al to have a stewardship plan done on the forest portion if the PDS was concerned. After much discussion, PDS suggested meeting with a smaller group including Dave since he was most familiar with this topic. A date will be set and any FAB member will be invited. Tim and Al volunteered.
- b. Forest practice/ State lands: Update on Policy issues and work done at the BNR on the marbled Murrelet.

III Adjourn: 9:00