

UDC UPDATE PROJECT
BRIEFING OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
RE: ZONING AND USE MATRICES SUBPROJECT

AS DISCUSSED ON FEB 12, 2008 AT 1:00 P.M.

In attendance:

Gerald Labish (Snohomish Cattleman Association), H. Duke Otter (Snohomish County Farm Bureau), Jackie Macomber (Equine Industry), Elizabeth Christianson (Diking, Drainage, Stillaguamish River Basin), Dave Remlinger (Diking & Drainage), Brian Bookey (Commodities), Dan Douglas (Snohomish River Basin), Nick VanDam (Dairy), Craig Ladiser (Snohomish County Planning & Development Services), Bob Lovejoy (Nursery), Art Olson, Owen Carter (Snohomish County Public Works).

<p>Comments related to Zoning and Use Matrices <i>*Staff comments are denoted in italics.</i></p>
<p>Will there be opportunities to make changes/additions to the matrix before it goes to the Planning Commission? <i>David Killingstad (DK) - Yes</i></p>
<p>What is the extent of our involvement if we are mainly an advisory body on agricultural regulations and policy matters? <i>DK – We want your input on changes/additions that should be made to the use matrix related to what type of uses should be allowed in agricultural zones.</i></p>
<p>Will the Agricultural Advisory Board be able to adjust the code or make changes to the code after it is written? <i>DK – Yes, changes to the code can be made after it is written. However, we would like to consult with you on issues that you may have prior to writing the code. We would also like to know how things are going since the changes we made to the code three years ago.</i></p>
<p>There seems to have been a recent trend to allow more recreational uses. How would new uses be classified?</p>
<p>To what extent will Agricultural Advisory Board members be able to add comments on draft code? <i>DK - The intent of each zone defines the allowable uses. Allowable uses may also cross different zones.</i></p>
<p>As new technologies come on board, we may need to establish them as zones in our County. <i>Craig Ladiser (CL) – We want to talk to you about how uses and zoning affects agriculture on your property and how other proposals affect your property.</i></p>
<p>Encourage establishing a subcommittee to look into this further and coordinate with this effort.</p>
<p>Changes in agricultural uses are typical in this County and legitimizing new uses has been a challenge. Addressing the zoning first is a great idea.</p>
<p>We should use this opportunity to provide input on the benefits to property owners wanting to change their property from residential zoning to agriculture zoning to prevent development.</p>