

# KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

## MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

6:00-8:00 P.M.

**ZOOM VIDEO CALL**

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### MEETING AGENDA

#### *The Commission's 2023 Focus is Farmland Preservation*

<b>6:00</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> For the public record, please sign in via the chat feature or announce yourself by name and whether you are a commissioner, staff or member of the public <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of Agenda</li><li>• Approval of Meeting Minutes: <i>August</i></li></ul>	Kevin Scott, Chair
<b>6:05</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
<b>6:10</b>	<b>Briefing: Proposed Ordinance 2023-0263: Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview</li><li>• Q&amp;A for Commissioners</li></ul>	Libby Hollingshead, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Sarah Perry Jake Tracy, Legislative Analyst, King County Council
<b>6:25</b>	<b>First half of Updates</b> <i>approx. 3 min each</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission Details, Policy, Ag Education &amp; Events</li><li>• King County Ag Program</li><li>• King Conservation District</li><li>• Local Food Initiative</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patrice Barrentine</li><li>• Richard Martin</li><li>• Matt Mega</li><li>• Mike Lufkin</li></ul>
<b>6:45</b>	<b>Old Business</b> <b>King County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Review: Best Available Science for Critical Areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview</li><li>• Presentation of proposed changes in relation to Agriculture</li><li>• Q&amp;A for Commissioners</li></ul>	Chris Jensen, KC PSB, Comp Plan Coordinator Alex Hughan, KC DNRP, STSS BAS lead Keri Sallee KC DLS, Permitting Division Eric Beach, KC DNRP, WLRD, Ag Regulatory & Permitting Specialist
<b>7:15</b>	<b>New Business</b> <b>King County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Review: Proposed APD Mitigation Bank</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview</li><li>• Q&amp;A for Commissioners</li></ul>	Rey Sugui, King County DLS, Roads, Real Estate Services John Vander Sluis, King County DLS, Roads, Strategic Development Analyst
<b>7:30</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half of Updates</b> (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washington State University CSANR</li><li>• Food Business Resource Center/BINW</li><li>• King-Pierce Farm Bureau</li><li>• Farm Fish Flood</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jordan Jobe/Alyssa Bowers</li><li>• Henry Wong</li><li>• Leann Krainick</li><li>• Richard Martin</li></ul>
<b>7:50</b>	<b>General Public Comment</b> <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
<b>7:55</b>	<b>Concerns of Commissioners</b>	Kevin Scott
<b>8:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	Kevin Scott

**Next Meeting: October 12, 2023**



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**King County Agriculture Commission**  
**DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 10, 2023 – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Commissioners Present (Y/N)</b>					
Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Chair	Y	Andrew Ely	N	Shelley Pasco	Y
Darron Marzolf, Vice-Chair	Y	Janet Keller	Y	Henry Wong	N
Jessi Bloom	N	Nayab Khan	Y		
<b>Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)</b>					
Jordan Jobe, WSU	Y	Matt Mega, KCD	N		
<b>County Staff/Representatives Present</b>					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP				
Chris Jensen, PSB Office	Megan Moore, DNRP				
<b>Guests Present</b>					
Henna Khan	Stacey Smith		Chenelle Tyack		

**Meeting Summary**

- **Actions: Approval of May & July 2023 Minutes; King County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update Letter**
- **Old Business: King County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update Review**

***Meeting called to order by Chair Kevin Scott-Vandenberg at 6:02 pm (no quorum); quorum at 6:38 pm***

**Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)**

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was completed via Zoom’s chat function.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)**

There was no official vote on this item due to a lack of quorum at the start of tonight’s meeting. Chair Scott-Vandenberg made an executive decision to proceed with tonight’s agenda as written.

**ACTION: Approval of May & July 2023 Meeting Minutes (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)**

Upon quorum, Janet Keller motioned to approve both the May and July 2023 meeting minutes as written. Darron Marzolf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Public Comment – Specific Agenda Item (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)**

There was no public comment during this period.

**ACTION/Old Business: King County 2024 Comp Plan Review (Richard Martin, Patrice Barrentine)**

Patrice Barrentine drafted, on the Commission’s behalf, a letter to the County Executive offering recommendations for consideration in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan’s Public Review Draft. This letter is based on Commission discussion after the comp plan update presentation at July’s meeting and is in tonight’s meeting packet.

Barrentine reviewed the letter line-by-line with Commissioners and asked for their feedback. Most feedback suggested minor revisions to terminology to improve clarity. There was some confusion about an exact definition of the “support” the County is providing to farmers; Richard Martin suggested bringing in agricultural land use coordinator Melissa Borsting to present at next month’s meeting on this topic. There were no further questions or comments from the Commission after the review.

Darron Marzolf motioned to approve the letter and transmit it to the Executive. Nayab Khan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Barrentine will provide the updated version of the letter to Commissioners.

#### **Other Updates (Richard Martin, Patrice Barrentine)**

- Richard Martin gave an update on a USDA grant recently received by the County agriculture program. This grant will allow the program to continue its work relatively intact despite an anticipated shortfall of general funding in the County budget beginning in the 2025 biennium. The focus of the work will be farmland access. The County will work on its own farms, to continue to provide space to new and underserved populations of farmers until they are able to move to their own land. In addition, Melissa Borsting will expand her focus to support land access far more broadly. Martin said the County can never fill the demand for farmland, though there is much privately owned land that could be leased to provide opportunities to expand farm acreage. Borsting expanding her focus will be an opportunity to work with other organizations to allow the County to put more farmers on land and more land into production, to try to address the major demand for farmland. There has been great success on County farms so far, with the County providing farmers support including education and assistance in writing grant proposals. The County has also helped some organizations get funding through the Conservation Futures fund to help them acquire farmland to support their communities. Chair Scott-Vandenberg asked who reaches out to let communities know there's something in place to help them acquire lands. Martin said it's part of the grant project, and Patrice Barrentine will work to help many of these organizations improve their marketing knowledge to know what to do with crops grown on the land they acquire. The project is to begin in January; Martin advised bringing in Borsting to provide the Commission with more details.
- Patrice Barrentine reported the current round of new Commissioner nominations is ongoing, and nominees will be contacted once the Executive's office reviews their information. New Commissioners could be onboard as soon as the Commission's September meeting.
- Commissioners should have received an email this week from Barrentine regarding free Tacoma Rainiers baseball tickets this month through the King-Pierce Farm Bureau.
- WSU's "Cultivating Success" course opens this fall. There is a fee of \$200, but scholarships will be available.
- King County's Solid Waste Division will soon host a webinar on use of compost on County farms and other farms. Livestock program specialist Rick Reinlasoder has also been invited to a future Commission meeting to present on compost application at County farms.

#### **Public Comment – General (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)**

There was no public comment during this period.

#### **Concerns of Commissioners (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)**

There were no Commissioner concerns voiced during this period.

***Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm***

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#### **Next Meeting(s)**

September 14, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)