



Notes: Equestrian Advisory Group Meeting: February 8, 2010

Members Present: Cheryl Manford, Laurie Burgess, Sue Svendsen, Butch Reynolds, Kathy Cannon

Staff Present: Laurie Lebowsky, Kelly Sills, Jose Alvarez

Public: Sheila Reynolds

Notes:

- The group started the meeting with a discussion of stables.
- Butch Reynolds said a major issue is the number of horses per acre.
- Jose Alvarez said that Linda Moorhead of County Code Enforcement spoke to the Rural Lands Task Force about code enforcement issues regarding horses. He added that he did not believe the Rural Lands Task Force addressed the issue of stables specifically in rural centers.
- Cheryl Manford said the equestrian overlay needs to have different pieces.
- Sue Svendsen said the equestrian overlay needs to have two parts: development and continuation of the work of the urban livestock task force.
- Cheryl Manford said the group needs to look at the master trail system plan and at rural centers.
- Butch said the group needs to consider the arterial connections in the rural area.
- Sue Svendsen said the definitions for equestrian facilities are not clear.
- Cheryl Manford suggested that they look at the definition of the term: stable.
- Butch Reynolds said the group should stick with a maximum lot size in equine cluster communities.
- Sue Svendsen said they should look at the trails map for next time.

- Kelly Sills then gave a presentation regarding economic development in Clark County.
- Butch Reynolds asked where does agriculture show up as far as economic development.
- Kelly said jobs are currently an issue and that agriculture doesn't bring jobs to the county.
- Kelly added that agriculture is more of a quality of life issue than economic development.
- Butch Reynolds said he does not see a lot of information relating to the equestrian community on the Clark County website.
- Sheila Reynolds said the community should embrace their image and have a "Vantucky Derby."
- Sue Svendsen said the Clark County website should have a link to the Executive Horse Council's website.
- Butch Reynolds said there is no good signage with trails and those trails are not marketed to visitors to the area.
- Lisa Goorjian said the Parks Dept. is in the process of working with the CCEHC- via Sue S to develop an equestrian trail map. Lisa also said that the Parks Dept is also in the process of installing trail head signage at 6 regional trails with trail way-finding information. The signs are anticipated to be installed in the next few months.
- Kelly Sills said the City of Vancouver has a lodging tax. He said the City got a grant to publish information regarding birding in the area.
- Kelly suggested the group get in contact with Kim Bennington at the Southwest Washington Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
- Sue Svendsen asked Kelly a question regarding using the equestrian amenities as a way of attracting talent for local companies.
- Kelly Sills suggested she look at the Company's CEOs and send them a letter.
- Jose Alvarez suggested the group look at the Columbia River Economic Development website and contact Bart Phillips.
- Kelly Sills says the funding for local economic development is very limited.
- The group then changed topics and discussed the hand-out regarding an equestrian overlay zone.
- Cheryl Manford said the group should be exploring what issues they want the equestrian overlay zone to address. She said some elements in the equestrian overlay zone hand-out are too specific.
- The group then briefly discussed the Discovery/Fairgrounds sub-area plan.

- Jose Alvarez showed the group a map for the proposed equestrian overlay area adjacent to the fairgrounds.
- Sue Svendsen suggested that the property owners for the location of the proposed equestrian zone be contacted.
- Issues to be discussed for next time: map of county; locations of cluster development, development locational criteria for the proposed equestrian overlay, and Jose Alvarez will bring the proposed rural reserve criteria from the Rural Lands Task Force for the group to review, and look at connecting regional trails and parks.
- Laurie Burgess suggested that a fee be proposed for horseback riders.