



**Determination of a Quorum/ Welcome**

We have a Quorum.

**Public Comments**

No public comments at this time.

**Announcements**

No announcements at this time.

**Approval of Minutes - April**

Heather motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Burr seconded. **The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Discussion Items/Business**New Application

Becky reviewed the Loving application for a forestry conservation easement. The property is located in Sumas, adjacent to DNR land, is 20 acres, contains a tributary to Breckenridge Creek, and would remove the one remaining development right and protect the creek and working forest. Becky asked for the Committee's approval to proceed with this application. Committee discussion included added protection of important salmon stream, conservation easement allowing timber harvest outside stream buffers, and the unsuitability of a home at that remote location. Burr motioned that we pursue the Loving application and Heather seconded. **The motion passed with all in favor.**

Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance

Becky and Paul reported on the presentation of the proposed ordinance to Council. The proposed ordinance includes amending code and program guidelines to change the program's name, update the scoring, and miscellaneous improvements for program administration. Council will discuss the proposed ordinance at a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing will occur on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Committee members discussed reaching out to council members to garner support. Paul agreed to attend the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and Sean would like to attend if he is able. Becky asked committee members to attend the public hearing on June 29<sup>th</sup> to show their support. Becky will email the pdf of her presentation and June 15<sup>th</sup> guest meeting link to committee members.

### Conservation Futures Fund Process

The committee reviewed Paul's draft Conservation Futures Fund process and request. Heather suggested adding an introduction and stating that the RCW requires a process. It was also suggested to clearly state what is being asked for. The committee would first like to ask for 50% funding to be designated for the PDR program. If this request is not granted, then the committee would like to ask for coordination with others who use Conservation Futures Funds. Becky suggested that the committee schedule a meeting with the County Executive to discuss. Paul and Becky will edit the document to share at the next meeting.

### Outreach Strategy

The committee discussed the planned PDR promotional video and made suggestions. Suggestions included interviewing an urban resident to discuss the benefit to everyone, asking farmer's families to participate, and sharing the video on BTV10.

Other outreach ideas were discussed and items identified to include in the contract with Geo 5 Design. These include having a committee member interview on KGMI Saturday morning with Dillon, developing a slide deck presentation with talking points for PDROC members to use when they speak to groups such as the Port of Bellingham or Chamber of Commerce, and miscellaneous GIS updates.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Review Promotional Video Storyboard
- Outreach Strategy
- Prepare for Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance
- Conservation Futures Fund Process

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 25, 2021, 8:30-10:00 AM. This will be an online meeting only. Becky shared that it is likely that all meetings this year will be online only.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.**