



Food System Committee

Wednesday September 7, 2022

5-6:30 PM

Zoom and in-person

Minutes

Members Present:

Name	Sector	Present
Margaret Gerard	Local Sales Farming	X
Nikki Oleson	Processing/Distribution	X
Riley Sweeney	Food Access	X
Amber Noskoff	Nutrition/ Public Health	X
Sean Hopps	Labor	X
Krista Rome	Natural Resources	X
Rhys-Thorvald Hansen	Whatcom Food Network	X
Paul Burrill	Fishing	X
	Export Sales Farming	

Others Present: Ali Jensen, WCHD and FSC staff; Eileen Horn, New Venture Advisors; Eloi Roshon, WCHD; Judy Ziels, WCHD; Cameron McMaster, Common Threads Farm; Von E.O, Community member; Brandy Reed, community member; Pamela Jull, Sustainable connections.

Call to order: Riley started the meeting at 5:02 pm

Land Acknowledgement

Determination of Quorum

Quorum.

Approval of minutes

Rhys made a motion to approve; Paul seconded. All Approved.

Public Comment

None

Plan, synthesis and review

Eileen with New Venture Advisors and Ali shared how information was synthesized and themed. Data included in the synthesis are: Secondary data, Community Food Assessment, Survey #1, and Engagement Events. The secondary data is quantitative, while the other data is qualitative.

Qualitative data was sorted by goal area, then divided into intervention categories: Policy Solutions, Infrastructure, Education and Programming, Community Collaborations, and County Leadership. The data was further sorted within each goal.

Comments in each goal were then further themed. Using the idea bank of actions and objectives from other community food system plans and other local, relevant plans, a list of draft actions and objectives were made for the Whatcom County Food System Plan.

Feedback of actions- goal by goal the group came prepared to reflect on the objectives and actions, but ultimately decided it was too big of a task to do in one meeting. The group agreed sub-committee meetings (not to reach a quorum) would be a better option, so Ali will send polls of when the groups of each goal can meet.

Wrap-Up, Determine Next Meeting(s)

Next meeting- October 18th from 4-5:30 pm.

Adjourned at 6:30.