



Food System Committee

Wednesday September 1st, 2021

5-6 PM

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Minutes

Members Present:

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

Others Present: Ali Jensen, WCHD and FSC staff; Rhys Hansen, Whatcom Food Network;

Call to order: Riley started the meeting at 5:01.

Land Acknowledgement

Determination of Quorum

Quorum

Approval of minutes

Amber made a motion to approve; Margaret seconded all approved.

Public Comment

Announcements- Ali announced that the Food Policy Network has granted the Whatcom Food System Committee \$1,000. She also told the group about the [Power of Food conference](#) for food policy councils. Interested people should get in contact with her.

Riley will be on paternity leave, so Margaret volunteered (and was unanimously approved) to be the co-chair.

CFA update and review request

The [Community Food Assessment update](#) is published on the food system committee page. Ali has made a form for feedback and will present at the next meeting. Group will send to their networks.

Group also approved a Press Release, which will be sent out by health department staff tomorrow.

Consultant Update

Ali interviewed 4 consultants for a food system plan- all ranging between \$15 and \$40,000. The health department is submitting an additional service request to fund this. The group agreed to provide a letter to the executive in support of this service request. Ali will send additional service request and the excel sheet with consultant info to group.

Next steps

In October, Ali will present on the consultants she talked to and provide results of public comment.

Looking at the next meeting the week of October 11th. Ali will send out a poll.

Next Meeting TBD. Meeting adjourned at: 5:36