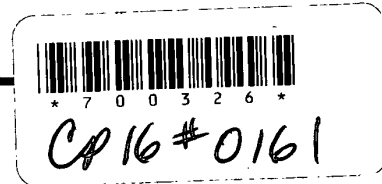


O'Donnell, Mary Beth



From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 2:00 PM
To: Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose
Cc: Cook, Christine; O'Donnell, Mary Beth
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From: Carol Levanen [<mailto:cnldental@yahoo.com>]
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Subject: Fw: population allocation

Thanks Susan. I will forward this on. TheGMA clearly states that whenever designating resource lands, not only do they need to consider soil, but they must also consider the existing use and whether the land is more suited to a different and better use. Rural residential use should not be considered a bad use of the land.

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Page 2: 2.0 Context - Employment, Population, and Housing Changes

"Clark County has a long and rich history of farming and forestry that has played a large role in its growth and economic development. In order to better understand the current situation in these industries, it is useful to start with a discussion of how the County has changed in recent times."

2.1 Population and Housing

"Exhibit 1 shows population growth over the past decade. Overall, population grew at a rate of 2.0% from 2000 to 2010. However, population

in Clark County unincorporated areas accounted for the majority of the growth, 2.7% as opposed to 1.2% in the cities."

"Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3 show the relative location of much of this growth. The map in Exhibit 2 shows how housing density has moved into the rural areas of the County. As summarized in Exhibit, between 2000 and 2010, the rural areas (land outside cities and UGA) lost approximately 6,000 acres of the lowest density land (greater than 0.25 units/acre), Together, the two exhibits paint the picture of residential creep into rural lands."

2.2 Employment Trends

"Those employed in farming and agriculture (proprietors, full-time, and part-time) grew at a rate of 2.2% from 2000 to 2009. The majority of this growth came from increases in farm proprietors, which grew at 2.4%. All other farm employment grew at 2.1%. The rate of growth in this industry outpaces the County as a whole, which grew at a rate of 1.7%. The jobs tied to the forest industry grew at a rate of 2% during this period. However, jobs in logging only account for approximately 600 jobs in the County, and these jobs are down 3% since 2000."

3.0 Summary of Key Findings

"Key finding #1: Agriculture in Clark County in 2011 is in the midst of a decade's long transition from large scale commodity farming into more intensive, value-added, urban-oriented farming.

Overall, the composition and nature of farming is changing. More importantly, these changes have been accompanied (and partially caused) by the settlement patterns in the County. While the overall number of farms in Clark County grew by 19% between 1997 and 2007, the total farm output decreased by almost 16%. The decline in commercial farms (a 22% decrease between 1997 and 2007) and mid-sized farms (an 18% decrease between 1997 and 2007) is likely driving the decrease in farm output.

There has been a substantial growth in the number of very small farms and moderate growth of small farms. This is also reflected by farm size, with farms less than 50 acres making up almost 85% of total farms in Clark County in 2007, up from 79% in 1997.

With this change in farming has come a marked change in the residential character of the county has both the housing unit numbers and population in the rural areas have outpaced growth within the cities. This has led to a net increase in residential density that creates two key challenges for farms:

- It increases the attractiveness for more intense rural area development.
- It increases tension between uses; much of farming is active use of the land (machinery, animals, fertilizers, etc.) that is sporadically viewed as a nuisance by new residential neighbors."

----- Original Message -----

From: Carol Levanen

To: Euler, Gordon ; Carol Levanen ; Susan Rasmussen ; Leah Higgins ; Rick Dunning ; Rita Dietrich ; Jerry Olson ; Fred Pickering ; Jim Malinowski ; Frank White ; Benjamin Moss ; Lonnie Moss ; Melinda Zamora ; Nick Redinger ; Curt Massie ; Marcus Becker ; Clark County Citizens United Inc. ; David Madore ; ed.barnes@clark.wa.gov ; Tom Mielke

Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 10:22 AM

Subject: Re: Committees (This information for public record)

Thanks Gordy,

I think one can say that all of those working at the CASE Center, WSU, food bank and the county would be government folks working along with planners. Mr. Morgan logged his land and has been active with the county ever since. Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Beaudoin are full time farmers, but Mr. Beaudoin is having a hard time now. There is one horse person, five persons who are involved with land trusts, (also county involved) a handful of persons who provide products to farmers markets and the rest are farmers market people. You seem to believe that because one provides a limited amount of farmers market items, that you are now a farm of long term commercial significance and a full time farmer. Farmers market items can easily be provided by hobby farmers with small back yard gardens on small lots. Food banks and farmers markets are wonderful, but they are a small portion of the equation when you are complying with the GMA mandates for resource lands. I guess you believe such people on committees, who are determining the lives of thousands of rural lands owners is appropriate, but I disagree. That is not what the GMA intended when it mandates the counties to preserve resource lands that have long term commercial significance.

Have a Great Day!

Best Regards, Carol Levanen, Ex. Secretary, CCCU, Inc.

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Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 8:12 AM

Subject: RE: Committees (This information for public record)

Carol:

I'm not sure what information you have about the APAC. I counted 18 members on the list I sent you, three of which worked for government agencies. The other 15 represented all manner of working farmers, folks involved with farmers markets, and folks involved with land trusts.

I'm not sure what 'other lists of names' you are looking for, but I have attached a list of Rural Lands Task Force members. At the Board's request, three of the members of the task force came from the APAC.

Gordy Euler
Clark County Community Planning

From: Carol Levanen [<mailto:cnldental@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 2:10 AM

To: Euler, Gordon; Carol Levanen; Susan Rasmussen; Leah Higgins; Rick Dunning; Rita Dietrich; Jerry Olson; Fred Pickering; Jim Malinowski; Frank White; Benjamin Moss; Lonnie Moss; Melinda Zamora; Nick Redinger; Curt Massie; Marcus Becker; Clark County Citizens United Inc.; Madore, David; Mielke, Tom; Euler, Gordon

Subject: Re: Committees (This information for public record)

Dear Gordy,

I had a glitz with your attachment, but I did get the information for the APAC group. But, who were the people on the other groups that were mentioned? We noted that on the list you provided, there were very few agriculture people in attendance. Most of them were county or other type of officials. It would seem that all of the people on such a committee would be from the agriculture

community. Regardless, although CCCU, Inc. can agree with many of the comments in the report, we cannot agree on the recommendations. Please forward me the other lists of names.
Thanks!

Best Regards,

Carol Levanen, Ex. Secretary, CCCU, Inc.

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Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 3:33 PM
Subject: FW: Committees (This information for public record)

Carol:

The Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee (APAC) was a group of folks (list attached) chosen by the Board of County Commissioners and guided by Commissioner Stuart to do what the name suggests: to figure out ways to maintain and enhance the agriculture industry in the county. Pat Lee served as staff to the group. As you have seen, the APAC came up with two dozen or so recommendations, many of which were land use-related.

When the Board convened the Rural Lands Task Force, one of their charges was to review the APAC report to see which of the recommendations could be implemented. Two examples: Beef up the county's right-to-farm/log ordinance and develop a transfer of development rights (TDR) program. The RLTF recommendation to amend the county's right-to-farm/log ordinance (CCC Chapter 9.26) was looked at, but as proposed would have conflicted with state law. A pilot TDR program was proposed but the idea was rejected by the Board.

Let me know if you want additional information.

Gordy

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 11:24 AM
To: Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose
Cc: Cook, Christine
Subject: FW: Committees (This information for public record)

Hello Gordy:

Please, do you have answers to any of Carol's questions? Thank you.

Oliver

From: Madore, David
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To: Orjiako, Oliver
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From: Carol Levanen [mailto:cnldental@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 3:29 PM

To: Mielke, Tom; Madore, David; Barnes, Ed; Carol Levanen; Susan Rasmussen; Leah Higgins; Rick Dunning; Rita Dietrich; Jerry Olson; Fred Pickering; Jim Malinowski; Frank White; Benjamin Moss; Lonnie Moss; Melinda Zamora; Nick Redinger; Curt Massie; Marcus Becker; Clark County Citizens United Inc.

Subject: Committees (This information for public record)

Dear Commissioners,

CCCU, Inc. has just accessed a 47 page document supposedly produced by a group of people on the Agriculture Preservation Strategies Committee, that convened in 2008 to 2009. We are not familiar with this group, nor is the public. The **Appendices** note in **A. Agriculture Preservation Committee, B. Public Comments and Survey Summary, C. Clark County Equestrian Survey and G. Recommendations of the Office of Farmland Preservation Task Force**. Besides the 47 page document, there is mentioned a **Future Farming Study**, as well. CCCU, Inc. has been actively participating in Clark County GMA land use plan issues for many years, but is not familiar with of any of these groups or activities. We believe there has been no meaningful public outreach to allow those most affected by these proposals to comment of the information. The Appendices notes the list of the members of the Agriculture Preservation Committee, but does not include that information in the report, or at least it is not available on line for review.

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. asks the commissioners who these groups and members are? Who appointed them? Who created the reports for them? Where did they get their information? Why were these documents produced in the first place? What connection do these reports have to county staff? Are any of the persons on these groups employees of the county? Where is the scientific research information to support these reports? There is very little, if any noted in the report. As CCCU, Inc. researches further, it is likely that more questions will arise, that will need to be answered by the county, before any meaningful changes can be made to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Sincerely,

Carol Levanen, Ex. Secretary
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