

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024

6-7 P.M.

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

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MEETING AGENDA

6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">For the public record, please sign in via the chat feature or announce yourself by name and whether you are a commissioner, staff or member of the public.Approval of AgendaApproval of Meeting Minutes: September	Stacey Smith, Chair
6:05	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item. <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Stacey Smith
6:10	Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Recruitment, Policy, Ag Education & EventsKing County Ag ProgramLocal Food InitiativeKing Conservation DistrictWashington State University CSANRKing-Pierce Farm BureauFarm Fish Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineRichard MartinMike LufkinMatt MegaAlyssa Bowers, Jordan JobeLeann KrainickRichard Martin
6:40	Old Business Ordinance 19762, Section 16, Minimum Wage Increase Legislation Required Report, Draft Scopes of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">UpdateQ&A	Mike Lufkin, Manager, Local Food Economy
6:50	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Officer ElectionsMotion/Vote	Stacey Smith, Patrice Barrentine
6:55	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Stacey Smith
6:58	Concerns of Commissioners	Stacey Smith
7:00	Adjourn	Stacey Smith

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024



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King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting, Zoom Video Conference Call

Commissioners Present (Y/N)					
Stacey Smith, Chair	Y	Andrew Ely	Y	Leann Krainick	Y
Jessi Bloom Vice-Chair	Y	Janet Keller	Y	Kevin Scott-Vandenberg	N
Darron Marzolf	N	Henna Khan	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Jordan Jobe, WSU	N	Matt Mega, KCD	Y		
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP		Michael Lufkin		
Bobbi Lindemulder	Cristy Craig				
Guests Present					
Dominique Torson	Dane Scarimbolo				

Meeting Summary

- **No Actions from this meeting.**
- **Tasks**
 - Richard will send out a survey regarding SCAP and agriculture at the beginning of next week.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Jessi Bloom at 3:12 pm without quorum.

Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Jessi Bloom)

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was completed via Zoom’s chat function. The meeting agenda and meeting minutes from September were not approved, as there was no quorum.

Public Comment – Specific Agenda Item (Jessi Bloom)

There was no public comment at this time.

Updates (Patrice Barrentine, Richard Martin, Matt Mega, Alyssa Bowers/Jordan Jobe, Leann Krainick)

Commission Admin, Policy and Legislation, Events and Funding Opportunities (Patrice Barrentine)

Commission Admin

Two advisory letters were sent this month on BESS and KCD Rates + Charges Renewal. Court Ruling no. 1021771 was handed down regarding KC Ordinance 19030. Cristy Craig will brief the Commission on this later in this meeting.

Regarding the Selection Committee and Recruitment Progress- survey results have been collected; recruitment begins in second half of October. Recruitment will be open through November. The Commission will review and select recommended applicants in January/February. There are 7 open seats on the Commission.

Policy Updates

Advisory Letter Protocol: continuing to finalize, DNRP leadership has provided input on 1st draft, input will be incorporated in 2nd draft, which will then be reviewed internally. This should be ready by the end of the year.

LFI 2025 update: issued a KC food system community survey, commissioners should receive it by email. Open Sept 20-Dec 1, 2024.

American Farmland Trust is doing a survey partnering with Puget Sound Partnership. They're looking as to what is needed to address challenges in ag viability. Closes October 17th.

KC Septic System Maintenance Rebate Program: if you have a septic system, KC is offering a rebate of up to \$500 per property for regular septic system inspection, pumping, or riser installation.

See presentation online.

King County Ag Program (Richard Martin)

Grant from bond fund to build infrastructure, hoping most of the money will be spent by the end of the year. New well on Green River farm, new wash/pack stations on three farms, additional work on Horseneck farm to make it more suitable for farmers there.

Ted Sullivan is retiring soon, AFI will need to find a good replacement for him hopefully by the beginning of next year.

Council member Perry, addressing multiple issues: Farmworker housing, farmland access, access to capital/farm labor.

Minimum wage increase- DLS making rules to implement; ag commission members need to review them before public review. Leann Krainick seemed to express some interest in reviewing the rules.

- SCAP Survey for Agriculture will be sent at the beginning of next week. This can be shared with other ag/forestry folks.

Local Food Initiative (Mike Lufkin)

LFI Survey (until Dec 1): outreach will include social media, working with different organizations to publish the survey in different newsletters. They're trying to get this out to the broad community, with a goal of 5,000 responses.

Second phase will go deeper- 15 to 20 focus groups/listening sessions with food systems stakeholders (producers, processors, multiple organizations)- building on existing forums/meetings to ask the barriers/challenges in the industry as well as looking at solution-oriented conversations on things that have already been addressed. They want to develop policies/strategies for the next version of the LFI.

8-10 areas of focus: trying to make sure they're reaching historically underserved groups/communities and more conversations soon. More information to come, reach out to Mike Lufkin on questions regarding this refresh.

Minimum wage ordinance – scope of the study is quite broad. How do we take all these issues and bundle them into scope of works that make sense? Four scopes of work in progress (hopefully by the November meeting).

King Conservation District (Matt Mega)

He thanks the commission for sending the letter on the rate renewal. The council will hear that next week (Oct 15). He also thanks the commission for the field trip, he found it very informative about issues like Farm, Fish, Flood.

LFI and KCD regional food systems are connected. They've finished reviewing competitive grants, with \$1.5 million worth of request. They funded about a third, the review committee has finished but it's not clear who the awardees are quite yet, which will be updated by next meeting.

Farm Bureau (Leann Krainick)

Climate commitment act refunds for fuel tax if you are a farmer- if you didn't get reimbursed in 2023, please do so: go to Department of Licensing, click on ag support program and apply for the exemption online. (even if you only spent \$20- please apply, the legislative needs to know what farmers do and how the initiative impacts how business is done.

Voting! The Farm Bureau has a number of candidates they've endorsed for this upcoming election, which their endorsement is purely on agriculture/farming.

Inviting two commissioners to the annual meeting on October 28th (location TBD) if anyone wants to go, let Leann Krainick know as soon as possible.

Farm, Fish, Flood (Richard Martin)

Bobbi Lindemulder will take over many responsibilities related to FFF. If you have questions specific to FFF, reach out to her directly. She will work with co-chairs to come up with agenda for next FFF meeting at the end of this year (end of November/Early December), they will focus on large capital projects in the valley (habitat restoration + ag projects). FFF is looking for additional representation from Farm Community, as one of the seats is dedicated to the Ag Commission. They need a replacement, which will be discussed more next meeting.

Update on BESS Ordinance 2023-0263 (Patrice Barrentine)

The original draft ordinance started last year, about creating guidelines on Battery Energy Storage Systems. They're shipping container sized batteries that store energy when the power goes out. The commission worked hard with Council Member Perry to help frame this in terms of what zones to go in and navigating this ordinance generally. Advisory letter was sent this month in support of the ordinance and its protection of A-zoned land from BESS except as an accessory use to ag for installations around 400 square feet, with a special use permit.

Ag Commission Testimony before Council Sept. 24: Jessi Bloom testified, reading snippets from the letter. Personal testimony from Leann Krainick, along with Nayab Khan and Henna Khan and two staff from Viva Farms. In support of keeping BESS out of the ag zone except as accessory use.

An amendment was introduced and discussed- BESS of all scales an allowed use on nearly 97% of unincorporated KC land area. 3% of county unincorporated land is to be protected. Ordinance passes 8-1, Council Member Dunn voting no. Adopted as amended.

Leann Krainick was glad they were finally included in the process, but the takeaway from this is that in all types of legislation, there's a huge learning deficit about the impact of farming/farm businesses in the county. Assumptions of not providing high paying jobs- so she wants to continue to be diligent about getting the message out there- farmers are important to King County. She thanks Patrice for getting the commission all involved.

Jessi appreciated being involved in other committees to hear out different perspectives on the topic. She appreciates Richard and Patrice's organization on the information. She was surprised about the rhetoric of farms not providing jobs and that BESS was more important than farms- she was surprised there was so much pressure in these different categories to use ag land than any other types of land.

Leann Krainick adds that she is thankful to the help provided by Patrice and Richard and feels that this was truly a grassroots effort from the commission, and that they should be proud of that. Any similar issue they face should be addressed.

Jessi Bloom believes the public hasn't been very aware of this issue, and the NPR article helped to open up that conversation to the public. Members of the public who testified did not want to have BESS in their backyards.

Patrice agrees with Leann Krainick's point and thinks this was a success, thanking Council Member Perry again.

See presentation online.

Winery/Brewery/Distillery/Adult Beverage Ruling - Ordinance 19030 (Cristy Craig)

Court Decision: Friends of Sammamish Valley v. King County

Historical context: King County has had wineries, breweries, and distilleries in its Ag and RA zones going back as far as pretty much to the inception of the zoning code, with changes over time, but not significant ones. The most recent iteration of the code which preceded 19030 wasn't super clear to business owners or members of the public, so almost 10 years ago, the County tried to find a way to make the code better. Over time, the county grew, and the popularity of winery businesses in Woodinville increased too.

The Friends of Sammamish Valley is a group focused on the Ag zone around the Sammamish Valley and the unincorporated Woodinville area. They challenged the ordinance to the growth board on GMA and SEPA

grounds, litigating since early 2022. The Growth Board made an early decision against the county on a process called summary judgment, which they seemed to be somewhat unfamiliar with the process and the county appealed to the Superior Court, where they were rapidly overturned. The case went back to the Growth Board, they Board ruling against the county again- the county appealed again, but due to COVID procedures, rather than going through a superior court process, the next appeal was taken directly by the Court of Appeals (not the standard process, just a mechanism to take the weight off the superior courts). The Court of Appeals sort of stepped in, and they take land-use cases now, directly. The Court of Appeals ruled against the board, finding that the county's appeal had merit. The next step was the Supreme Court, which decided in a 5-4 decision against the county.

The Supreme Court's decision is focused on SEPA, but also addressing the Growth Management Act issues in a way that will likely have weight going forward statewide for Ag, and it will be fascinating to see what happens next. From a legal analysis perspective, the four-person dissent- The Court of Appeals and the Superior Court were all clear about what the ordinance did and said, and the five-person majority had a different read, leading to a bit of a challenge going forward. Some of the things that the majority relied on were really at this sort of super 1000 ft policy level, so it doesn't necessarily make it clear about where to go.

The first and most important question for many: what's next? There hasn't been a decision made, it's the same exact legislative process as it's always been. It goes back to the Council; the Council will make decisions about what to do going forward. From the Supreme Court- anything that the Council does in this realm is going to need to be supported by a deep SEPA process, should the Council engage in substantive zoning for wineries, breweries, and distilleries in the future in our A and RA zones. The Supreme Court's message for A zone is stark for any kind of accessory winery uses. Both the Board and Supreme Court Majority didn't exactly reach the merits of the question, they said "this doesn't look awesome from a GMA analysis, but we can't tell, because you guys didn't do enough SEPA work", so if the County wants to engage in legislation for these businesses, they need to do more SEPA work. If the Council wants to have the kind of allowances they did under 19030 the court doesn't say they can't do it- they just need to do more SEPA.

There is discussion in the case[s cited about] of fish. Don't be alarmed about this focus. To the extent that the majority focuses on this case, that's a state permitting case, a site-specific decision. One of the things that happened during the time that this decision was pending before courts on the SEPA piece is that shortly before the Court of Appeals ruled - division one ruled on 19030 on the SEPA issues - the Supreme Court had issued this decision about a fish farm permit, which found in favor of the fish farm. It was really about this tension between legality abuses for purposes of SEPA.

One of the things that was difficult in this case was asking what does it mean if the uses are legal, what does it mean if they aren't legal, does that make any difference at all for SEPA purposes? The court looked at the previous case about the state permit for the Fish Farm, the opponents of the permit wanted the SEPA to act like the farm wasn't there because it wouldn't be legal in the future. In that case and the Friends of the Sammamish Valley case, the Supreme Court said that legality of uses isn't what SEPA is about, SEPA is about looking at what's there now and what's happening in the world, legal or not. Legality might be an issue for GMA purposes but not for SEPA purposes. The kind of discussion of fish and SEPA shouldn't be read to suggest they're putting their finger on the scale one way or another for any piece of legislation except to the extent that they want to help us know what to look at when we're doing review. Clarity was given on what to do.

SDO: the elimination of the Special District Overlay, or the finding that it wasn't compliant with GMA is interesting. We don't know what that means going forward. The 13 parcels that border the Sammamish Valley are unique in that the GMA doesn't have an Ag buffer in it, it's something the county created. We don't know if it'll have a lot of precedential value statewide as far as further efforts in the Sammamish Valley. The Council will have to look at it really carefully, a SEPA process would have to be really careful about anything they did in that area. As far as the businesses, that remains to be seen- we're sort of back to where we were before, they all have different fact patterns. How does this affect people right now vs. if more is going to come down the pipeline who have been waiting for this ruling?

Andrew Ely recognizes that he is happy this went through a judicial process and that the county lost the case at the supreme level. The county was arguing that SEPA and GMA didn't require them to consider potential environmental impacts because the ordinance is a non-project action, not acquiring environmental review under SEPA, because the GMA presumes that an ordinance is valid on adoption. He's pleased to see that the county was taken through the judicial process and that a civic organization was able to take the voices of thousands of community members and put it at the forefront of the county, and ultimately take it to the highest level and win the case. He wants to recognize those community members that have participated and encouraged people to stay civically engaged and continue to stand for the principles they believe in. He believes they are very valuable for the commission and the entire community to have certainty that the county isn't overstepping their boundaries in trying to push ordinances that are clearly out of line of what the growth management act had ruled in the first place.

Cristy responds saying that the county's arguments were described in a certain way, and the five members of the supreme court parroted the description of the county's argument- they never said they didn't have to do SEPA review. There's a lot of detail and complexity but it's important to know that the Washington Administrative code treats non-project actions differently for some purposes. What is helpful is that there's parity ...*[some words can't be detected on the recording]* ... for local jurisdictions that are trying to navigate their way through this complex rigmarole of regulations which are her forte. She thinks it's also important to note that there are people on both sides of this issue that are impacted.

Patrice mentions that Leann Krainick is the only Commissioner who was here when this started and is now back on the Commission for the ruling. Leann Krainick says that there's still a lot of work to do- the state laid its case for the next groundwork, which, that doesn't necessarily fit every circumstance so she hopes the county would continue to engage with the Commission on this.

Patrice adds: The Commission supported the ordinance for winery/breweries/distilleries as an accessory use in the ag zone, just as they did with BESS. The Commission's thinking was that if farmers are growing those winery/brewery/distillery products, they should be able to distill and sell those products for that higher revenue. The Commission wasn't too excited about the special overlay in that pilot so the Commission will probably continue to want to be involved and watch what the next steps are when Council takes that up. Patrice asks Cristy if there's a timeline for this, if an ordinance will come out of this over time?

Cristy says that Council is paying attention to what's going on right now, but she can't speak to the direction that Council members are going to decide to go in, but she says that the participation of the Ag Commission is always welcome. She praises Council Member Perry for her engagement. Cristy isn't sure what the Council will end up doing, but notes that the process isn't super-fast.

Public Comment – General (Jessi Bloom)

Patrice clarifies that public comment allows members of the public to express their concerns so the Commission can hear them. It does not mean the commission will respond or have answers for the public.

A brewery owner, Dominique Torson, was affected by the ordinance- is this something that the county was legally able to enforce a code while it was being challenged? Cristy can't give legal analysis/advice to members of the public.

Dane Scarimbolo, an owner of a brewery, makes a comment: this has been going on for 7 years, the winery/brewery/distillery study never studied any breweries. He feels that the breweries just got sucked into this, and that nobody has studied the brewery businesses and how they get their products. He says the study was done in a localized area and not over the entire county, not encompassing everybody that is affected by it. He finds this very biased and doesn't feel listened to. He doesn't agree with whatever the commission says going forward with this ordinance. He finds it super disappointing that we both

don't want this to pass, but his reasons are different than theirs, and there can't be any middle ground to have understanding.

NEW BUSINESS: Ag Commission Recruitment + Planning for 2025 (Patrice Barrentine)

Patrice Barrentine apologizes for the survey taking longer than expected, and thanks the commission for taking the survey. She shares the results of the survey, the supplemental questions, and the recruitment strategy (reaching out to organizations/farmers via email and council member newsletters). There needs to be at least 8 farmers on the commission and Patrice reiterates that anyone who applies must have a King County home address to serve on a commission. Richard shared that there was someone from Pierce County managing a large forest in King County but that didn't create eligibility for the commission.

Patrice will make sure these links are sent out and that everything is on the website, and people can post the information on social media to get the word out.

See presentation online.

Planning for Next Year

- Patrice Barrentine was hoping the field trip sparked some ideas for next year, going over what was seen on the field trip.
- Jessi Bloom wants to focus more on water-related topics- reclaimed water for irrigation, policies around water storage codes, more connection to Farm, Fish, Flood.
- Leann Krainick WBD ordinance- save time to focus on that and field trip-wise, go to Dairygold's social media page to see the reclaimed water work they've done...
 - o Lots of focus on small farm, but big ag stuff can be something to look into for tours (Smith Brothers, Charlie's Produce)
- Janet Keller agrees with Jessi on focusing on water, as the County either has too much or not enough, which affects everyone impacting success.
- Andrew Ely wants to be more supportive of tribal + ag collaborations, and farm to school may be lacking on the county level, getting schools more involved in food systems.
- Stacey Smith agrees with water and farm-to-schools and is interested about big ag topics.

Patrice Barrentine thanks the people who joined the meeting and will come up with a 2025 calendar for these topics to be addressed.

Concerns of Commissioners (Jessi Bloom)

Leann asks the commission to take a deeper dive into solar panels, like the BESS situation. She's probably gotten three solicitations about having solar farms on her farm, so Leann Krainick wants the Commission to take a deep dive into that to make recommendations for the Council.

Andrew got a letter from his landlord indicating that they're selling their property to another organization/individual and that they won't be renewing his lease necessarily next year. He's concerned about the future of his farm and other farms alongside him at his location.

Jessi mentions Working Farmland Partnership to help Andrew with his situation. She wants to get this out a bit more since it seems like this type of situation is happening more often.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm

Next Meeting(s)

November 14, 2024, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)

Study and Recommendations to Strengthen King County's Agriculture Sector

ORDINANCE 19762

Ordinance – 19762 Preamble

The Executive shall transmit a report providing recommendations to strengthen the county's commitment to sustainable farm-to-plate pipeline, advance equity, and support the agricultural sector in unincorporated King County as the agricultural sector complies with the hourly minimum wage rate as required by this ordinance.

ISSUE AREAS CITED IN ORDINANCE

Land Access - capital to acquire land, connecting farmers to land, lowering of acquisition cost, alternative ownership models that building equity (e.g. Agrarian Trust)

Farm Equipment Access Program (equipment lease)

Farm Worker Housing - including use of County resources to develop workforce, congregate or pallet housing

Transportation Programs to Support Mobility for Farm Workers – vouchers, establishing shuttles, subsidies for Vanpool/Vanshare programs

Health Care Programs for Farm Workers

Fee Waivers for Farmers Markets Booths

Farm Worker Recruitment and Retention – including the development of internship and apprenticeship programs for youth

Grants for Food Banks to Purchase Surplus Items from Local Farms (Farm to Foodbank)

Expanding the County's Local Food Initiative

"Buy Local" Campaign that educates consumers

Substantive Issues and
Areas the Study and
Recommendations Shall
Consider

Approach to Study and RFPs

Ordinance requires a broad range of issues to be studied that cover different and specific areas of expertise.

Unlikely to find a consultant or single organization that has expertise and understanding of the local context that covers all of these topics

Proposing to break the study up into four separate procurements that would lump or cluster similar issues together

Focus on building off existing research and policy development that is occurring across the region

To the extent feasible we are utilizing a “case study” approach to the investigation

Proposed RFPs Focus Areas

Farmland Access – estimated budget - ~\$70,000

Equipment Sharing and Market Support - estimated budget - ~\$70,000

Farmer and Farmworker Housing - estimated budget - ~\$70,000

Health Care Access, Mobility and Worker Retention - estimated budget - ~\$40,000

TASK	DELIVERABLE
Increasing the Supply of Land Available	Case studies of the most promising/feasible policy measures and programs that incentivize King County landowners to sell or lease their land to farm businesses.
Reducing the Cost of Acquiring Farmland	Case studies that evaluate effectiveness of innovative tools and policies that have been utilized or could be utilized to 1) reduce residual farmland fee title value and 2) strategies and policies that facilitate farmland purchase.
Improving Access to Capital to Acquire Farmland	A comprehensive list of capital access programs and farmland financing options and a set of recommendations specific to King County that could address barriers to greater utilization of these programs or the need for new programs.
Identifying Collective and Community Farmland Tenure Models	A report that provides a detailed analysis of 2-3 collective/community farmland tenure models.

Farmland Access

TASK	DELIVERABLE
Evaluation of Farm Equipment Sharing Programs	Case studies of model equipment sharing programs and recommendations for the expansion of existing equipment sharing programs or the development of new programs for King County producers
Identify Pathways for Growing King County's Farm to Food Bank Efforts	Report that evaluates and provides recommendations on long-term sustainable funding strategies that could provide stability to the farm-to-food bank program
"Model" Economic Viability Case Studies for Small Producers	Four (4) detailed case studies of farm businesses from Western Washington that illustrate how these farms successfully utilize enterprise budgets and marketing strategies.
Importance of "Buying Local" and Supporting King County Farm Businesses	Five (5) compelling farm business case studies that use storytelling to connect consumers with the farmers who cultivate food in King County

Equipment Sharing and Marketing Support

TASK	DELIVERABLE
Conduct a county-wide scan of existing approaches to provide housing	Five detailed case studies of innovative approaches or models for farmer and farm employee housing that are currently being utilized here in King County
Assessment of planned affordable projects in communities adjacent to the County's primary agricultural regions	Report that includes the analysis of affordable housing projects that are currently in development or being considered in communities adjacent to King County agricultural communities
Identification of innovative approaches or models from other regions	Five detailed case studies of innovative approaches or models that provide on-farm or off-farm housing

Housing

TASK	DELIVERABLE
Assess and Provide Recommendations That Improve Transportation Programs and Support Mobility for Farm Workers	A summary report that includes the assessment, identification of best practices
Health Care Access for Farmers and Farm Workers	A report that includes recommendations for expanding health care access to farm businesses and farm workers
Farm Worker Recruitment and Retention	Five (5) case studies that highlight successful strategies and best practices for farm worker recruitment and retention

Health Care Access, Mobility and Worker Retention

Next Steps

Commission review and comment on draft SOWs – Complete by Friday, November 22

Continue to work with King County Procurement to Publish RFPs – February 1, 2025

Consultants under contract with KC by April 1, 2025

Studies conducted Q2-Q4 2025



Preparing for Officer Elections

Policies and Procedures

Elections and Terms of Officers

- ◇ 5.3.1.1. Officers shall be elected from the entire Commission at its first regular meeting in **October**, or as necessary to fill unscheduled vacancies.
- ◇ 5.3.1.2. Officers of the Commission shall include a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Recording Secretary shall be the Staff liaison.
- ◇ 5.3.1.3. Officers shall **assume office in January** and serve through the **calendar year**.

Nominations of Officers:

◇5.3.2.1. Current Chair shall seek nominations from all Commissioners at least one month prior to officer elections. Chair shall call for additional nominees from the floor prior to a motion for officer elections.

- A commissioner may nominate another commissioner or self-nominate oneself.
- Commissioners may also reach out to the staff liaison and/or executive committee with a nomination.
- The staff liaison will confirm all known nominations before Nov's vote.

Duties of Officers:

1. Chair:

- ⌚ Shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, and at other special meetings, as appropriate. The chair is an ex-officio member of all committees.
- ⌚ Shall vote to break a tie.
- ⌚ Shall create and dismiss standing committees, with approval of the Commission.
- ⌚ Shall take nominations from Commissioners for seats on various committees.
- ⌚ Shall be responsible for official Commission communications.

Vice Chair:

- ⌚ Shall act on behalf of the Chair when Chair is unable to perform official duties
- ⌚ Participate in agenda planning with Chair and staff liaison when necessary.

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Executive Committee

- ◆ Membership. The Executive Committee shall be composed of officers of the Commission.
- ◆ Officers of the commission shall include a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Past Chair.
- ◆ Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet as required to perform its duties.
- ◆ Reports. The Executive Committee shall report as needed to the Commission and give full information on its proceedings, if any.
- ◆ Responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall monitor work of the Commission with assistance of the Staff liaison. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Commission and reports to it.

Additional Duties of Executive Committee

- ◇ Maintain Commission focus on mission statements.
- ◇ Maintain Commission focus on goals and objectives.
- ◇ Communicate Commission priorities to the Staff liaison.
- ◇ Consider community input in setting priorities.
- ◇ Make recommendations consistent with existing policies, programs, laws and regulations.
- ◇ Review proposals falling outside regular committee guidelines.
- ◇ Prepare correspondence on advocacy issues with assistance from staff liaison.
- ◇ Run the commission meetings. If no executive committee member is present to run a meeting, the chair will appoint a commissioner to run the meeting.

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Nomination Slate for 2025 (January-December)

- ◆ Stacey Smith, Chair
- ◆ Jessi Bloom, Vice Chair

Are there any additional nominees from the floor?

Motion/Vote