

Equestrian Facility Code Working Group Meeting

Date: 09/18/2025

Notes prepared by Heather Cleveland, Kitsap County

Invited: Anna Dukes, Annie Braddock, Bruce Boblet, Colen Corey, Cynthia Johnson, Dale (Duke) Bourgeois, Dawn Oien, Diane Lenius, Helen Jones, Jill Seely, Kaitlin Murray, Lauren Rogers, Lisa Soete, Pedro Lopez, Rick Polston, Shannon Segerman, Trish Strong, Valorie Dodd, Cammy Mills, Hallie Johnson, Jessy Olson, Merlie Joy, Cindy Daniels

Nancy Shurtleff, Ignacio (Nacho) Cabezudo, Nancy/Gary Kelstrup, Carrie Guthrie Whitlow (did not receive calendar invite with Zoom link), Pamala George, Case Zegstroo, Bryce Brown, Darby Evans, Darcy Howell, Jane Albrecht, Michelle Abel, Nelson Mittuch, Heather Schaaf

Attendees: In-person: **Annie Braddock**, Jill Seely, **Trish Strong**, Bruce Boblet, Merlie Joy, Valorie Dodd, **Colen Corey**, Shannon Segerman, **Dawn Oien**, Lauren Rogers, Kaitlin Murray, Rick Polston, Diane Lenius, **Helen Jones**, **Anna Dukes**, **Dale (Duke) Bourgeois**, **Cindy Daniels**. Virtual: Hallie Johnson, Cynthia Johnson, Lisa Soete, Cammy Mills, Clif Peterson, Pedro Lopez, **Jessy Olson**

Kitsap County Staff: Heather Cleveland, Scott Diener

Agenda/Note:

- Introductions
- Working group representation – representatives are the conduits.
 - North Kitsap
 - Annie Braddock - network
 - Duke Bourgeois - trails
 - Cindy Daniels
 - Willing – Kaitlin Murray
 - South Kitsap
 - Dawn Oien
 - Jessy Olson
 - Helen Jones (Manure Lady)
 - Willing - Pedro Lopez
 - Willing – Clif Peterson (bandwidth and facility)

- Background- Rick Polston
 - Central Kitsap
 - Colen Corey
 - Anna Dukes – organizing with Dawn
 - Trish Strong
 - Reference - Jill Seely (existing CUP)
 - Research – Merlie Joy
 - Conservation District
 - TBD
- Retroactive Concerns
 - For any change, would the new updates on anything?
 - Complaint driven – comply to new code
 - Not vested for building permits – for building need to comply with new building codes.
 - Update entire farm if building.
 - What health, safety, and welfare could apply?
- Rural Character
 - People like the atmosphere here.
 - Unclassified Use Permit – followed all of the conditions.
- Presentation/discussion
 - How did we get here?
 - Top concerns with current code
 - Top impact concerns
- Next steps
 - Smaller Working Group
 - Meeting Schedule
 - Work on code 2.0 using feedback from the equestrian community
- Q&A/Comments
 - Work towards a Q&A document (Anna Dukes)
 - Equestrian complaints
 - Different definitions between County and State regulations
 - The use of the word “facilities” multiple times is confusing
 - Ingress/Egress - not on private road
 - Identify the barriers the proposed code will cause
 - Boarding is not the revenue generator, lessons and clinic generate revenue and make equestrian culture possible and keeps prices lower for boarding
 - Right-to-Farm Act

- Relate to new changes
 - Relate to existing housing
- Request to understand specifically who the county reached out to as engagement for the equestrian community in April when the Year of the Rural ag committee was formed.