

# *Enumclaw Forested Foothills Recreation Area*

## General Meeting Minutes

Oct. 8, 2007

### **Welcome:**

We had a few new faces at our meeting this time. Thank you coming.

Pat opened the meeting by introducing who EFFRA is and what we do and told a little about our five year plan.

A question was raised regarding the difference between Backcountry Horsemen and EFFRA. Scott Gray explained the mission of Backcountry Horsemen and explained how they protect the right to ride horses on public land and how they work with National Forest Service and how EFFRA works closer in the rural or "front" country with the local trails and how they eventually connect, so we work closely together to accomplish that goal. Thank you Scott.

Pat invited the newcomers to put their name on our list so they can receive information on our progress.

Pat introduced our steering team and invited anyone to join if they wanted to help. We need more help if you can possibly join.

### **Introductions:**

Pat introduced **Julia Larson** who is the ***Coordinator of Rural Economic Strategy*** and also a steering team member.

**Julia** explained what her job entails and the Comprehensive Plan and changes in the rural area and with the equestrian and rural economic development in the comp plan. Think about what might be some good venues to get the comprehensive plan out and ***please submit all comments to King County by Friday, December 28 2007.***

To tell them what you think about the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan, please direct questions and comments to **Paul Reitenbach, Sr. Policy Analyst** at **206-296-6705** or e-mail to [paul.reitenbach@kingcounty.gov](mailto:paul.reitenbach@kingcounty.gov). Your input is important, so if you have any ideas you think could make a difference to the equestrian and farming community, please submit your suggestions. The county only does a revision to this plan every four (4) years, so if your voices are not heard, changes cannot be made.

**More information about the King County Comprehensive Plan and the 2008 update are available on the King County website at: <http://www.metrokc.gov/ddes/compplan/2008/>**

Julia would be happy to come out again to discuss in more detail, the Comprehensive Plan. If any of you would like to hear more on this plan or know of anyone who was not at this meeting that you think might like to learn about the Comprehensive Plan, please let us know and we will schedule another meeting.

**Mary Impson** is the new **Code Enforcement Officer II with Land Use Division** for King County. She explained what her job is and why and how they contact people for code enforcement. She gave a very nice power point presentation on what the mission of code enforcement is and the process, limitations, guidelines, timelines and codes and case management. She presented a very informative presentation.

If you would like more info on Code Enforcement, you can log onto the Code Enforcement website at [www.kingcounty.gov/ddes/ce](http://www.kingcounty.gov/ddes/ce)

If you would like to contact **Mary Impson**, she can be reached at **206-296-7226** or e-mail at [mary.impson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:mary.impson@kingcounty.gov).

Thank you Mary for coming out to our meeting.

**Joelyn Higgins** is the new **Rural Permit Coordinator** for King County. She is a great person to contact with any questions regarding what requires permits.

If you would like to contact **Joelyn**, she can be reached at **206-296-7159** or e-mail to [joelyn.higgins@kingcounty.gov](mailto:joelyn.higgins@kingcounty.gov).

**David Spohr** is the **Senior Deputy Ombudsman for Rural Affairs** and has actually been out on a couple of horseback rides with EFFRA. You can also contact David with any questions if you feel things are not going well for you.

David can be reached at **206-205-5061** or e-mail to [david.spohr@metrokc.gov](mailto:david.spohr@metrokc.gov).

### **Old business:**

#### **Pat:**

Reagan Dunn sent letter to EFFRA thanking us for sending a sympathy card when his mother Jennifer Dunn passed away.

#### **Crystal:**

Gretchen McCallum, a member of EFFRA & WASART (Washington State Animal Rescue Team) & Greta Cook (also of WASART) put on a livestock identification clinic at Reber Ranch Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. There were vets on hand to do freeze branding,

vet checks, & microchipping. There was also training in emergency preparedness. There was such a great response that WASART will be putting on another clinic in the spring, hopefully at Crystal's ranch, Triple C Pleasure Horses in Enumclaw. You can go to the EFFRA site to link to WASART for more information.

Crystal is building an indoor arena and went through the permitting process. With the help of Joan Burlingame and Ron Sims, she was able to get an interpretation of the law changed, so that anyone who has big structures put up on their farms to run businesses no longer have to have the very expensive fire suppression system put in. The fire marshal, Jim Lewis and Stephanie Warden (director of DDS) were very helpful.

Larry Fetter met with Crystal and a handful of other people to get suggestions on what we are looking for regarding the Expo Center.

### **New Business:**

- Donida Farms is having a Driving Clinic.
- Debbie Huntsinger from MetroKC, suggests calling 911 if you see vehicles at trailheads that have been vandalized. Please do not try to stop thieves on your own.
- Doreen Johnson of Enumclaw will be talking about the history of some of the things that have happened in the hills around Enumclaw at our next general meeting. We look forward to hearing what she has to say.

### **Upcoming General Meetings:**

- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Doreen Johnson will talk about area foothills
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - nothing scheduled yet