

**MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF THE
WILDFIRE MITIGATION COMMISSION
Friday, December 18, 2015
9:00AM to 11:00AM
Conference Room, Ashland Fire Station #1
455 Siskiyou Blvd**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 9:45AM

In Attendance: Bruce Moats, Vicky Sturtevant, Ron Parker, Chris Chambers, Doug Kay, Alison Lerch

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 18, 2015

Bruce moves to approve as amended, Doug 2nd. All in favor.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

VI. BUSINESS

A. Action Item Update

- a. CESPP summary and recommendations
 - i. Doug has been working with the Mountain Ranch neighborhood rep putting the Firewise Landscaping Brochure the Ashland Food Project and handed 27 with green bags. Waiting for feedback for an additional 2500 handouts.
- b. Cover letter for Measure 56/Wildfire Hazard Zone Expansion
 - i. While this ordinance addresses trees that are considered more fire prone, there are a number of trees that are not affected by this ordinance. It does not apply to “significant trees, tree of the year, heritage trees”
 - ii. Trigger: This ordinance does not apply to your property unless you are remodeling over 200ft or building a new house
 - iii. First sentence should be about “why” this is being done. Our largest and most dangerous fires have occurred outside of the current WHZ
 - iv. Incorporate the Firewise Ashland Logo –brand it!
- c. Expanded CWPP Outline
 - i. Tabled for January 2016

B. Old Business

- a. Risk Assessment Map – Frank
 - i. Tabled for January 2016

C. Wildfire Hazard Zone Expansion

- a. Discussion/suggestions for changing
 - i. Address “Landscape Tree” term – trees were here before us
 - ii. Could the homeowner have a time allowance (3 years) to perform all necessary fuels reduction work?
 - iii. Shrubs spacing of fire-resistant species should not be lessened
 - iv. Fire resistant trees cannot be touching the house, but do not need the 10 ft clearance from the chimney.
 - v. Would love to see a prescribed list of recommended trees/shrubs
- b. This is an opportunity to do some post hoc planning

Motion to move forward with the draft ordinance from the 12/22/2015 plus any further comments from the WMC sent to AFR on 12/21 by noon. Bruce 2nd. All in favor.

- D. Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - a. Daily Tidings Column/Talking Points

Motion to move forward to finalize the 1st draft of the tidings article of the WMC for publication on 12/23, Bruce 2nd. All in favor.

- b. CWPP Outline
 - c. AD HOC Committee Reports
- E. Updates
 - a. Firewise Communities
 - b. Ashland Forest Plan
 - c. Ashland Forest Resiliency

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. REVIEW AND SET COMMISSION CALENDAR / NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meeting January 20, 2016

Next Agenda:

- 1. Community Engagement Report
 - 1. How does this help the WMC community engagement plan
 - 2. Who else do we want to reach?
 - 3. How do we engage willing parties?
- 2. WHZ Endorsement
- 3. CWPP Outline

IX. ADJOURN: 11:00 AM

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