



I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Tom Marr (public), Katie Schubert (Forest Service), Melody Noraas, Marty Main (consulting forester), John Williams, Gary Pool (public), John Karns (Fire Chief), Chris Chambers (staff), Tony Kerwin, Dan Maymar, Terry Baker (Forest Service)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 10th meeting

Change proposed for page 3, “Gorson wondered if there was...”

Change to describe Laurie Hayden’s role. Motion made to accept minutes with changes. Seconded and passed all ayes.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing.

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

VI. BUSINESS

A. Commission comments on Council Goals

Adopt Water Master Plan goal. FLC is interested in the role of the watershed and supply, coordination with ongoing forest projects. Noraas commented on coordination with other city services that might be affected such as power and gas. Chambers said that the effort is being coordinated by Public Works so it’s an internal communication issue.

Watershed Partnerships Goal: Commission agreed that the goal is appropriate and efforts are taking place such as AFR coordination. Considered who or what agency would be appropriate to list—but decided to keep it broad due to unknown participation from other groups at this point. Discussion turned to need for a coordinating body to bring together groups involved in AFR. FLC only meets one time per month and can’t dedicate enough time, but would like to help. Add to goal that a central coordination position is needed within the City staff to help with this goal.

Land Use Goal: Chambers explained a need for expansion of the Wildfire Lands Zone. Gave example of homes in the city that were evacuated during the Siskiyou Fire, but many aren't addressed in the Wildfire Lands Zone. Chambers and Karns will give Greg Lemhouse information about expanding the Wildfire Lands Zone to allow more control over development in wildfire areas that are currently not mapped as such.

Lemhouse explained the Economic goals and asked for input. Williams suggested a green business incubator program. Develop incentives for green building. Maymar said we should encourage businesses that contribute to our local community.

Community gardens encouraged, more agriculture encouraged. Lemhouse asked about the TAP intertie project, Kerwin commented on development versus staying within our means. Main suggested putting value on the water from the watershed and supporting preservation of the supply. Finding a long-term use of the Impeatrice Property is important to the commission. Chambers brought up carbon storage as a possibility for City forestlands and/or the Impeatrice Property. Lemhouse asked about the budget philosophy in creating a base budget and building on it depending on programs. Lemhouse would like feedback on this issue. All comments are due by January 22nd.

Marr supports the TAP project for redundancy and emergency purposes.

Lemhouse would like feedback on how Councilors should rotate as liaisons for commissions. Williams felt that knowledge and experience is more important than rotation of councilors. Kerwin felt the same and said rotation on a yearly basis is too short and suggested staying for the whole Council term. Lemhouse said it may be possible to rotate some commissions and not others. Lemhouse asked about the homelessness issue. Group discussed that it does affect the watershed when homeless people camp there and use fire. Chambers has been to many of these camps and seen fire used for cooking and heating.

B. AFR Community Engagement-FLC's role & Report from meeting

Chambers explained the AFR Community Engagement meetings and encouraged a defined AFLC role. John Williams and Dan Maymar will be the two representatives to the upcoming sub-committee meeting on Thursday, December 10th.

C. Ashland Forest Plan Update Draft Review

Changes were suggested to some of the language and noted. Noraas moved to submit to City newsletter as amended. Maymar seconded, and all in favor.

D. Public Outreach Plan—Watershed Map Project

Chambers reported that money budgeted for Commissions can be spent with approval of the Department Head, in this case the Fire Chief. This would indicate that as long as the Chief is OK with it, the FLC's one thousand dollars, or some portion, could be used for prize money for the map contest. Chambers said the spending gets tricky if it's for a program that then generates money. This won't generate money so there's no worry, but to be aware for the future. The

Commission reviewed documents submitted by Chris Iverson. Suggestion was made to list the map items in bullet points instead of narrative form. Commission agreed on that. The group discussed changing the award to 500 dollars instead of 250. Motion was made to approve this change. It was seconded and approved with all ayes. Lemhouse suggested displaying all the maps in the Council Chambers and announcing the winner at a Council meeting.

E. Commission 3-Year Goals

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VIII. REVIEW AND SET COMMISSION CALENDAR / NEXT MEETING

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: January 12th, 2009

IX. ADJOURN: 7:26 PM

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