



**Action Minutes FOR A MEETING OF THE  
ASHLAND FOREST LANDS COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**5:30PM to 7:30PM**

**Fire Station #2 Conference Room**

**1860 Ashland Street**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM**

John Williams, Chris Chambers, Frank Betlejewski, Dan Maymar, Albert Pepe, Marty Main, Jeff McFarland, Stefanie Seffinger, John Karns

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 10<sup>th</sup> minutes

Item C, last paragraph sentences 3 and 5, source of the information is the AFRCA. Last sentence should include “common hardwoods and shrubs, whether the parcel had signs of a recent burn, and human activity.”

**Seffinger motioned to accept as amended, Maymar seconded and all voted in favor.**

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

**V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**VI. BUSINESS**

A. Commission Vacancy

Williams spoke to Keith Massie, but he wasn't in the position to apply at this point. There wasn't anything new regarding the applicant Keith Whitman from December.

B. Trails/Recreation Update

McFarland spoke about the impending agreement for the Alice in Wonderland easement over the Palen property. Negotiations between AWTA and the owners aren't working out at this point. Parks and AWTA will stop contacting the owner for now. Parks may go ahead with easements on the other two properties and the surveys to make it official. This may emphasize the need for a trail called Red Queen that skirts the Palen property. There will be further discussions about the future of this trail and easement. McFarland passed out information regarding recreational immunity for landowners that was discussed at the last meeting. A key provision is that use of the land is free to the user. Parks is also working with neighbors to improve a section of trail off Lisa Lane.

C. Ashland Forest Plan Revision

Williams passed around the City of Seattle's Urban Forest Plan as an example of nice formatting design for a forest plan. He would do the formatting if the group agrees. Frank likes the concept of the Arcata Forest Plan as an example, though Williams didn't like the layout of that one. Frank will look more at the veg and

fuels section. Seffinger is presenting a short section on the Forest Plan update in her state of the City Parks address through the Parks Commission. Commissioners need to send changes to Chambers and Williams will post them to the Google Drive site.

**D. City Lands Work Update: Winburn Report**

Main presented the results of the implementation of the Winburn Plan, written in 2007. Main estimated that up to 25 people on the commission have contributed to this over the years. The City waited until the right opportunity to implement the commercial thinning, which was 2013 and in conjunction with the AFR project on neighboring USFS land with a grant from The Nature Conservancy. The level of detail in the monitoring of treatments is unparalleled. Main gave a summary of his write-up on the management actions taken on the Winburn parcel in 2013. The paper is posted on the City website under the Forest Lands Commission page.

Chambers mentioned two openings on the Firewise Commission.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35.**

**VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**VIII. REVIEW AND SET COMMISSION CALENDAR / NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**IX. ADJOURN: 7:30 PM**

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