



**Minutes FOR A MEETING OF THE
ASHLAND FOREST LANDS COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 8th, 2010
5:30PM to 7:30PM
Siskiyou Room, Community Development Building
51 Winburn Way**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:45 PM

Present: John Williams, Gary Pool, Tony Kerwin, Frank Betlejewski, Marty Main, John Karns, Chris Chambers, Melody Noraas.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Guest: Carrie Zoll. Carrie will be doing a project with the Parks Department.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 11th minutes moved for acceptance as submitted m/s by Williams/Pool.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Talk about electing a new chair.

Williams will update the group on the Ashland Water Advisory Committee

VI. BUSINESS

A. AFR Project Update including Community Engagement

Main explained the beginning of work on the AFR project including the unit location, strategic importance, and what has been done. Unit 3 was modified into subunits based on the type of work that will be done. Many tours have gone into unit 3 and adjacent unit 2. The AFR partners are continually assessing the work. The units are primarily a result of the 1959 wildfire. Landslide hazard zones have been identified and are treated differently than the rest of the landscape. The area is very steep and access is difficult. The cut material will be piled and burned next winter. Noraas asked how the wet spring was helping and Main said it's helping tree health after a dry year last year brought on insects, especially in Douglas-fir. The review process has been extensive for the initial work and won't likely be this detailed in the future, but the review (internal and external) will happen for each unit throughout the project.

Williams asked about the SOU class on AFR. Main said that the class was in the field today and decided to focus on three potential projects for the two week class. Karns is happy with the progress of the project. Planning work will continue through the summer to get more acres on line for the fall. Chambers gave an update on the Community Engagement process with subcommittees including the tours group and the volunteer subcommittee. There will be tours.

B. Ashland Forest Plan Process Update

Group reviewed the process. Main will put together the historical documents and data and try to contact Keith Woodley (former Fire Chief) about historic processes. Betlejewski is putting together a historical document referencing the forest conditions around Ashland.

C. Chair Nomination

Commission nominated Tony Kerwin as chair for the next year. Iverson motioned to accept Kerwin's nomination for chair, Williams seconded it and vote was all ayes. Commission voted to continue the discussion about vice chair until Maymar is present since he's the current vice chair.

D. Ashland Water Advisory Committee Update

The plans are on hold until the AWAC committee decides what goal will be established for water conservation. The AWAC will vote on the conservation target this coming Thursday. William understands that all meetings are open to public. Next meeting is this Thursday. The issue of water treatment plant effluent will be discussed at some point. Iverson pointed out that there are a couple different web communities to advertise issues –Web Spirit and the Ashland Resource Center.

E. Public Outreach Plan—Watershed Map Project

Iverson will be working with the artist (Pokey) to address some of the changes to the map. There are numerous issues to be dealt with. The artist is ready to work on this. Iverson proposed compiling a list of map suggestions after one reminder email and will bring the list of suggestions at the next meeting in July. Kerwin asked if we need to involve the Public Arts Commission. Iverson responded that we'd ask them to comment once the major changes have been made.

Iverson went through Noraas's comments on the map and asked for more comments. Williams suggested turning around the watershed to the top of the page to feature it. That view would help emphasize the elements the group would like to see up front. Everyone present liked the idea of changing the orientation.

Chambers can make a Google Map with the watershed boundary and send out to the FLC and Iverson will pass it on to the artist. Pool likes the fun aspect of the map and wants to preserve that but make it more readable. Noraas would like to keep the helpful places but keep most of the non-essential places (fun stuff) on the periphery of the watershed. Iverson put forth the motion to pay the artist 500 dollars for winning the map contest with follow up in July about making further edits to the map. Williams seconded and vote was all ayes. Williams will pass on a legal contract that he uses for art in his business. Chambers will work on getting Pokey paid the award.

Pool moved to adjourn at 7:27 and all agreed.

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