



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

Tuesday, September 11th, 2012

5:30PM to 7:30PM

Siskiyou Room, Community Development Building

51 Winburn Way

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

**Frank Betlejewski, Steffani Seffinger, Chris Chambers, John Williams,
Albert Pepe, Dan Maymar, Pieter Smeenk**

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 14th Draft Minutes

Betlejewski suggested changes to item B in the Forest Plan update. The Odion and Della Salla et al paper would NOT be good background for the Forest Plan update. Frank will send Chambers the sources that will be the best for Plan. Remove reference to the article in the Mail Tribune. Continue with “Frank brought out the 1963 Forest Type Map”

Williams suggested that section C reference to “SFC” be changed to “FSC”.

Frank motioned to accept minutes with changes, Pepe seconded and all ayes.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

VI. BUSINESS

A. Ashland Forest Plan Revision

Frank said there’s a lot of information that Marty has generated in the past and we should make sure it’s catalogued with the City. Frank would still like to look at the City data. John Williams will still look at the OWEB report pertaining to hydrology, fish and in general, aquatic resources. Frank said that recreation is an important piece of it. Pool and Karns have been working on the recreation issue and would be likely candidates for that section. Chambers will talk to Pool. Frank has the terrestrial section and can use GIS data and other reports to help. A lot has been done on geology. Frank found that Tony Kerwin had a list of interested citizens and we’d like to track that down. Frank would like to explore the data around dead trees as well as live. We could take the project goals from the Restoration II and III projects and compile them. Social aspects in the Forest Plan will be important. Changes in attitudes since the Forest Plan would be interesting. Pepe would be interested in taking that on. The Southern Oregon Digital Archive might be useful as would old City Council notes. Williams will look at the Ashland Watershed

Assessment for information on the water issue. Williams suggested that Pepe talk with Pat Acklin about the social history. Maymar will take on the current conditions and also work with Frank and Chambers as regards the inventory data and summarizing via GIS. We can address the issue of sustainable old growth as well. Commission will ask Berge if he'll take on the fire management section and Chambers will help. Williams will ask Pool about the recreation section. Seffinger offered to help and editing was suggested. Maymar suggested November 13th as a deadline for a draft or at least an outline of each section. Frank would like to know if Parks Commission would like Oredson-Todd Woods included in the Forest Plan. Smeenk asked if the Forest Plan is intended to be used for budgeting and grants. Chambers said that it is already used for that including site specific management plans and the update would only help that. Smeenk wondered if the MOU with the Forest Service would be part of it. Chambers said that there is a need to include many other cooperative agreements. Smeenk is compiling a list of items similar to that for Public Works and can share. There will be a need for extensive review on the Forest Plan update.

B. Update Commission 3-Year Goals

Frank brought the edited update. Chambers sent it out to the group during the meeting. Frank added the accomplishments from the past 3 years but would like to have more review and updates. Additions should be sent to Frank for next meeting. Frank reminded the group to look at the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the commission. Chambers said that section is likely part of the Commission Charter.

C. Trails/Recreation Update

Chambers explained that the new trail markers for BTI area are completed and need to be installed. Karns will work with AWTA.

D. AFR Project Update

Chambers mentioned that Dr. Jerry Franklin's class (U of Washington) was in the watershed today on their annual tour. Ground based thinning is complete along the western edge of the watershed and will move to the eastern edge near Four Corners soon.

E. Watershed Outreach Plan Review

Williams didn't make progress on the plan but will by next month. Williams will send Frank the incomplete items for the three-year plan.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Williams noticed a lot of siltation in the creek during the last two weeks of August, but only below the TID overflow in Lithia Park. Smeenk didn't know the reason but said that there was a surge each night from the TID canal that was detected at Water St during the project there.

VIII. REVIEW AND SET COMMISSION CALENDAR / NEXT MEETING

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: October 11th, 2012

IX. ADJOURN: 7:30 PM

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