

**MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF THE
WILDFIRE MITIGATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
11:00AM to 1:00PM
Training Room, Ashland Fire Station #1
455 Siskiyou Blvd**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 11:00am

II. IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Bewley, Stephen Gagne, Doug Kay, Tracy Peddicord, Bruce Moats, Vicky Sturtevant, Alison Lerch, Chris Chambers
NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Stef Seffinger

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. November 16, 2016: Vicky moved to approve the November minutes. Doug seconded. All in favor.
- B. February 15, 2017: Vicky moved to approve the February minutes, Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- C. **ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION ITEM #1: Commission Vacancy

Bill Stevens, a member of the Mountain Ranch HOA Board is interested in the commission and will be attending the March 15 meeting. Chris will remind Diana at the city council meeting next week to announce that there is a vacancy. Get this on the council agenda and bring this to Barbara's agenda. Steve Asher will come to a meeting. Judith McBride was contacted and Alison followed up with an email. Tim may not stay on the commission but will hang on to the Evac and CWPP Groups. Marie Donovan was contacted and does not have the time but will forward it on to her real estate friends. It is important to maintain the depth of conversation and continuity. Tracy will follow up with Steve Asher. (Greg Williams of Carols Colors?). Follow Up: How do we extend a commissioner's term?

ACTION ITEM #2: Follow up on the Paul Hessberg's Era of Megafires Video

Chris will contact Paul about a better recording and ask about it being a publicly funded project and why we cannot stream the presentation.

ACTION ITEM #3: Burn to Learn in Ashland

Tracy spoke with the Kathryn Holden, the Assistant Principal of Ashland Middle School. Tracy needs a one page info sheet from Alison.

ACTION ITEM #4: Email Addresses on website

Email addresses on website: No hyperlink, no text form on the site. Is it policy that email addresses need to be on the website?

Can there be one email? Wildfirecommission@ashland.or.us

Steven moved that all emails are removed from the website, and replace them with a city commission email, where the staff liaison and committee chair get the email. Tracey 2nd. All in favor.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

VI. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

VII. BUSINESS

- A. New Business
 - a. 2016 Accomplishments
 - b. 2017 Commission Priorities

- B. Ongoing Business
 - a. Plant List Subcommittee
 - i. Met in February and will bring more information to the march meeting
 - b. Wildfire Mitigation Ordinance
 - i. Mayor proposed a red dot Doreen dot program for identifying every home in Ashland over a 7 year period. This would be publicized with a clarification that a red dot may be passed over in a fire because. Mayor would work on grants and loans. Include plant list considerations but would include exceptions. Required for remodels, separate from the 7 year timeline. By starting with red dot green dot there would be self-motivation to clean up their property. Making this public would also help self-motivate. Colorado Springs has a web based platform. Private and public inspectors. The remodel thing would take into account the ordinance as written. Are there insurance implications to this? This could be a student. CPAW is coming to the February 21st meeting.
 - c. Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW)
 - i. CPAW is looking at the proposed ordinance for the remodel. They may give us some hints on this. They are also helping with the risk assessment
 - d. Wildfire Task Force

- C. Parking Lot Issues
 - a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - i. CWPP Engagement/Outreach
 - b. Branding the WMC
 - c. Wildfire Commission Collateral
 - d. Firewise Website
 - e. Farmer's Market 2017

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

IX. REVIEW AND SET COMMISSION CALENDAR / NEXT MEETING

- A. Mayors Brown Bag Lunch: February 24, 2017, 12:00pm (ComDev)
- B. Chamber WTF Meeting: March 1, 2017, 10:30pm (Station 1)
- C. Next WMC Meeting: March 15, 2017, 11:00am (Station 1)
- D. Ashland Firewise Clean Up Day: May 6, 2017 (Valley View Transfer Station)
- E. Southern Oregon Firewise Expo: May 12-13, 2017 (Jackson County FD3, White City)

X. AGENDA ITEMS FOR March 15

XI. ADJOURN:

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