

Hardwood Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

Present

Rick Gurrola
Gary Spanfelner
Martin Spannaus
Scott Hill
Brin Greer
Dawn Pedersen
Josh Davy
Justin Hamilton
Andrew Bray
Burt Bundy

Guests

Kristen Maze, TC Planning Director

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Election of Officers
3. Additional Agenda Items
4. Approval of Minutes – 1/30/19
5. Tehama County General Plan – Kristen Maze, Planning Director
6. Tehama County Voluntary Oak Woodland Management Plan (2005)
7. Future Agenda Items
8. Next Meeting Date
9. Adjourn

Call to Order

The Hardwood Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm on March 6, 2019 at 1834 Walnut St., Red Bluff, CA 96080 by Rick Gurrola.

Election of Officers

Motion to appoint Josh Davy as Chairperson

Motion: Supervisor Burt Bundy
Second: Justin Hamilton

Motion carried

Motion to appoint Martin Spannaus as Vice Chairperson

Motion: Justin Hamilton

Second: Josh Davy

Motion carried

Josh Davy ran the remainder of the meeting as new Chairperson

Additional Agenda Items

A. Treasury Account

Rick advised the Committee that records indicated there may be a small balance available for the Committee. He asked the committee if they would like him to meet with the Auditor to re-establish the account and possibly use a portion of the funds for meeting refreshments.

Motion to reinstate Treasury funds

Motion: Martin Spannaus

Second: Dawn Pedersen

Motion carried

Suggestions were made on how future treasury funds can be used:

- Refreshments for meetings
- Create a new educational/informational pamphlet

B. Meeting Schedule

There was discussion on how often the Committee will meet including day and time.

Motion was made to meet once a month on a Wednesday at 2:00pm

Motion: Scott Hill

Second: Martin Spannaus

Motion carried

Approval of the January 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Oak Hardwood Advisory Committee Minutes from January 30, 2019.

Motion: Martin Spannaus

Second: Dawn Pedersen

Motion carried

Tehama County General Plan – Kristen Maze, Planning Director

Kristen presented an overview of the Tehama County General Plan which included the 4 main objectives of the plan.

The General Plan is the foundation for Planning and it is used when creating ordinances.

Kristen encouraged the Committee to put together a monitoring plan similar to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program included in the General Plan.

Several members have recently contacted various state and federal offices to locate mapping and land use data (Farmland Maps for California) but have not received a response.

The Oak Woodland Work Group out of UC Davis is a good resource and the Committee can possibly reach out to them for GIS mapping information.

Dawn stated that Google Earth has a historical timeframe going back to the 1990's that can possibly be utilized.

There was discussion between the Committee and Kristen regarding permits, parcel maps, conditions for new proposed subdivisions, and possible changes to the General Plan.

Kristin made several suggestions to the Committee:

- The Management Plan is voluntary and potentially outdated; focus on updating it first
- Be specific and include additional verbiage where needed
- Once the Management Plan is updated and solid, it can be included in the General Plan. After that, ordinances can be created by Planning.

Tehama County Voluntary Oak Woodland Management Plan (2005)

Gary discussed his oak woodlands re-growth, the importance of opening up the area between trees to allow limbs to develop and the large amounts of seedlings he has had. The Committee discussed a field trip out to Gary's property after it dries out.

Scott suggested the Committee's first task be to review the current Management Plan to determine if it's working before they proceed.

Committee agreed that education can be done now before updating the plan. "Get the information into people's hands."

Burt discussed looking at new fire fees for permitting; maybe incorporate a statement. Dawn informed everyone that the new Cal-Fire 45-day report is out and contains a lot of that information.

Josh wants to see the Management Plan say "What" do we want, "Why" do we want this and "How" can we make it happen. "Restore, Regenerate and Conserve"

The availability of the funding sources cited in the Management Plan need to be updated.

There was discussion on how to make people aware of the plan, resources and information, and how to make it accessible to the public and potential builders and developers by way of pamphlets.

It was suggested the pamphlets be short and resourceful and include “cartoons” or informational graphics with a link to the larger Management Plan. Include an identification guide.

Josh asked committee members to go through the Management Plan, decide what should be included in the proposed pamphlet and have their suggestions to him by 3/27/19.

Motion for members to review current Management Plan as “homework”, take notes and highlight areas that should be included in the pamphlet and/or need to be addressed by committee. Rick asked that the specific items Committee members identify as needing to be addressed be forwarded to him so that he can forward to the Committee as a whole.

Motion: Justin Hamilton

Second: Dawn Pedersen

Motion carried

Brin will reach out to Shelly Wingo from Fish and Wildlife Services to possibly fill the Environmental Organization opening.

Future Agenda Items

- Review suggested revisions, additions and deletions to Management Plan
- Review members’ suggestions for proposed pamphlet
- Estimated cost to produce informational/educational pamphlets

Additional future agenda ideas can be sent to Rick and he will agendize them.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next committee meeting date will be April 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Walnut Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm by Josh Davy