

**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
February 29, 2012**

**Present**

Charlie Bruce, Chair  
Jacque Schreck, Vice-Chair  
Jessica McDonald  
Racquel Rancier  
Sheryl Stuart  
David Zahler  
Richard Hervey, City Council Liaison

**Absent**

Creed Eckert

**Staff**

Amber Reese, Public Works  
Tom Penpraze, Public Works  
Jon Boyd, Public Works  
Mike Hinton, Public Works  
Mark Miller, Trout Mountain Forestry

**Visitors**

Van Decker  
Jim Fairchild

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/ Introductions	X		
II. Review of Agenda	X		
III. Review of January 18, 2012 Minutes			Approved with modifications
IV. Staff reports	X		
V. Visitor Comments	X		
VI. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public testimony responses</li> <li>• Standards and Guidelines incorporation into the Corvallis Forest Stewardship Plan</li> </ul>	X		S&G's Approved with modifications
VII. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Stewardship Council accreditation</li> </ul>		X	
VIII. Commission Requests and Reports	X		
IX. Adjourn			

**CONTENT OF DISCUSSION**

**I. Call Meeting to Order/ Introductions**

Chair Bruce called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

**II. Review of Agenda**

No changes were made.

**III. Review of Minutes**

**Commissioner Schreck moved to adopt the January 18 minutes with modifications; Commissioner Rancier seconded the motion with modifications, which passed unanimously.**

**IV. Staff Reports**

Mr. Penpraze reported the following:

- The City is looking for volunteer ambassadors to staff the front desk at City Hall.
- He clarified that the revenue generated from the watershed is primarily to be spent on the watershed, and secondarily to support the water utility.
- He also clarified that access to the Corvallis Forest is limited for security reasons, fire-prevention, and to minimize the City's liability.

Ms. Reese reported the following:

- Peacock Larkspur restoration is going forward. Parts of the property were mowed on February 20. Staff is set up to do a follow-up mow and thatch in the fall.
- She met with US Forest Service (USFS) staff in regard to road use in the watershed. A new road use agreement will be created and City staff will meet with the USFS annually to discuss the agreement.
- City Staff met with USFS hydrologist Barb Ellis-Sugai to discuss stream temperature data collected from last summer on Rock Creek. She suggested the WMAC invite Barb to present the data at an upcoming meeting.
- The Marys Peak Stewardship Group is hosting a tour on April 28 with the City and Marys River Watershed Council to show neighbors from the Greasy Creek community in-stream log placements and culvert replacements along Rock Creek.
- The WMAC and Staff will need to begin planning for this year's annual spring public forest tour.
- The final grant report for the Corvallis Forest Habitat Enhancement project has been submitted.
- Any requests going to Trout Mountain Forestry need to go through City staff first so Ms. Reese can monitor the budget and keep all of the Commissioners informed of questions and responses.

Mr. Miller reported the following:

- Trout Mountain prepared about a dozen sites for planting in the riparian enhancement project. Approximately 1,000 trees were planted.
- Shrubs were planted this month on the Old Peak meadow enhancement project.
- The fiscal year 2011-2012 harvest is completed, yielding 645,000 board feet. Approximately 6,000 trees have been planted in some of the harvest areas.

**V. Visitor Propositions**

Visitor Van Decker, from B&G Logging, reported that B&G will be harvesting the USFS Bridge Thin units; the contract is for five years. He stated that there is some road maintenance that needs

to be done prior to the logging. He offered his services to the City for some road maintenance. He would like to keep communication open with the City during the road maintenance and logging operations that he will be doing on USFS property.

Visitor Jim Fairchild expressed concern regarding the way the Commission receives testimony. Ms. Reese clarified that written testimony needs to be submitted to staff nine days prior to the scheduled meeting so that there is time to incorporate it into the electronic meeting information packet that is sent out to the WMAC and interested parties one week prior to the meeting date. Mr. Fairchild also clarified that the discussion at the last meeting was not about Marbled Murrelets themselves, but about their habitat. He asks that this be clarified in the standards and guidelines.

Mr. Fairchild expressed appreciation to Commissioner Schreck for asking Trout Mountain to respond directly to his questions. He also expressed concern about the length of time it takes to get his questions answered.

**VI. Old Business**

Standards and Guidelines incorporation into the Corvallis Forest Stewardship Plan

Mr. Miller presented the document, highlighting where changes were made by the subcommittee for consistency and clarity. He proposed accepting the changes to the Standards and Guidelines and for the subcommittee to continue working with the stewardship plan to bring both documents into alignment. The Commissioners discussed some minor changes to the Standards and Guidelines document. The Commissioners and Staff discussed the process of presenting the entire document to the Urban Services Committee. **Commissioner Zahler moved to adopt the Standards and Guidelines with the discussed changes. Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**VII. New Business**

Forest Stewardship Council accreditation

Mr. Miller provided background on the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and stated that Trout Mountain has been certified as a forest manager under the FSC. He stated that some changes need to be made to the Stewardship Plan to maintain FSC certification based on new requirements from the Stewardship Council.

**VIII. Commission Requests and Reports**

None.

**IX. Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2012, 5:00 p.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room**