

MINUTES
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 11, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bingham, Karen Bodner, Paul Clements, Sandra Corbin, Doug Graves, Molly Hoffer, Mike Kesling, Mike Koivula

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Mellotti

BCC PRESENT: Commissioner Anna Morrison

STAFF PRESENT: Arno Nelson, John Petsch, Sonny Chickering, Ollie Snowden, Stephonee Colley

Vice-Chair, Mike Koivula called the meeting to order.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 14, 2004

Staff distributed hard copies of Potential VMAC Projects.

Bodner suggested that a sentence be revised under “Update on Last Resort Ordinance Implementation”, Bullet #4: Change “Define and field-identify” to “Define and field-verify”.

MOTION: Clements moved to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2004, as corrected. Bingham seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion passed.

III. 2004 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

A) Staff reviewed Work Plan items and agreed to continue to review and discuss at the next meeting. Discussion: Item #1, Bodner suggested guest speaker, (Glen Miller); Item #2b, Bodner suggested that the wording be changed from “Review Vegetation...” to “Suggest and Discuss Vegetation...” and staff agreed.

B) Staff agreed to discuss Work Plan item timelines at the next meeting.

C) Staff discussed Potential VMAC Projects handout (to be included on next Agenda):

Item 1a. Look for outside sources (i.e., Lane County Extension Services)

Item 1b. Corbin agreed to contact U of O, Landscape Architecture program to inquire if its class could use VMAC subject matter as class project.

Item 2. Project should be in place during Fall/Winter. Corbin requested information regarding height requirements.

Item 3. Clements suggested that thresholds be defined (tolerance levels/metrics) on all roadside vegetation.

IV. ROAD MAINTENANCE MANAGER / OPERATIONS UPDATE – ARNO NELSON

Bodner referred to a map previously distributed to VMAC, which showed red dots for all areas that are automatically off-limits to spraying, and requested that Nelson provide her with a smaller “example section” that included legends. Nelson informed staff that the Vegetation Crew has already started a schedule of four 10-hour days per week in order to handle the storm cleanup workload, which should be wrapped up around the 1st of March. Nelson told staff about the recent hit-and-run accident involving one of his flaggers

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on February 2, 2004, in Cottage Grove on Shoreview. Nelson discussed Coburg tree failure (tree from right-of-way fell onto a house, and a second tree fifteen feet away from fallen tree is being considered for cutting), and maintenance issues in regard to the City of Coburg.

V. REPORT ON TRB CONFERENCE – SONNY CHICKERING

Chickering presented a short video I/M: Principles and Practices For Rights-of-Way, which he obtained at the recent TRB Conference in Washington D.C.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Update on Last Resort Ordinance Implementation – Nelson reported that work is continuing; Bill Manewal has been provided additional support in the area of Vegetation crew operations so that he may focus more on the Last Resort Ordinance Implementation (holidays, storm duties, and other obligations have slowed this progress).

VII. DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled VMAC meeting will be March 10, 2004. The following agenda items were suggested:

- Continue to discuss Items 1 & 3 from the VMAC Work Plan for 2004
- Continue to discuss staff's suggested Potential VMAC Projects
- Discuss Timelines from the VMAC Work Plan for 2004
- Road Maintenance/Operations update

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Recording Secretary