

Lane County Forestland Classification Committee Meeting

October 19, 2016 – 9AM – 3PM
Springfield, Or - Meeting Minutes

In attendance

Committee Members:

Sue Bowers (Chair) – At large Representative

Steve Cafferata – Eastern Lane Landowner Representative

Lauren Grand (Secretary) – OSU Extension Agent – Lane County

Lindsay Reaves – Western Lane Landowner Representative

Tom Soward – Oregon Department of Forestry Representative

Not In Attendance

Committee Members:

Terry Ney – Chief, Lane Fire Authority, State Fire Marshal Representative

ODF Staff:

AJ Hudgik – GIS Expert

Link Smith – Western Lane District Forester

Micheal Curran – Eastern Lane Unit Forester

Brent Peterson – South Cascades - Fire Prevention Coordinator

Nate Agalzoff – Forest Grove Stewardship Forester

Eric Perkins – Forest grove Unit Forester

General Public

Joe Zaludek – Eugene/Springfield fire chief

Meeting Called to order 9:08 AM

Introductions

Sue Bowers opens the floor to public comment

Joe Zaludek comments that once the fire concerns the structure and the drive way they have good resources especially within 1000 ft. of hydrants, but they need the partnership of ODF to be able to help control fire that moves into the wildland.

Review and approve minutes from 8/8 meeting and 10/3 public hearing

Steve moves to approve August 8th. Tom seconds. 8/8 Minutes approved.

Tom moves to approve August 8th. Steve seconds. 10/3 Minutes approved.

Review hearing and written testimonies

The committee decides to review the properties outside the Mountain Gate area first.

Review of John Steel – committee listens to testimony of John Steel again. The committee feels his concerns are more about the way the law was written. The committee agrees that his property still fits the definition of forestland and would need the services of ODF because if there was a fire moving towards his property he wouldn't be able to stop it on his own. The property remains recommended for classification.

Barbra Evans – committee reviewed the property and it fits and follows the definition of forestland. The property remains classified.

The committee refers back to the map resources of the Mountain Gate Property. There have been two fires one in 2016 and one in 1999.

Committee Leaves for the field trip to Mountain Gate 10:05.

Committee Returns from field trip to Mountain Gate and reconvenes at 11:13.

The committee suggests that the sloped and forested portions on the northwest and southeast area surrounding the Mountain Gate subdivision, as well as those parcels that abut these described portions, should maintain their forestland classification. However, the houses in the center of the subdivision that do not abut the forested area around the Mountain Gate Subdivision are close enough together that a fire would be spread by the structures and not the vegetation. Therefore the committee will not classify the middle of the subdivision as updated on the map.

Break For Lunch 11:55

Meeting Called to Order from Lunch – 12:34

Continuing our conversation on testimonies

Joan Amelia Hembree – submitted written testimony that her property did not fit the definition of forestland. The committee reviewed her property and within the greater scope of our classification process and decided that her property is at too fine a scale to remove from being classified as forestland.

What happens next?

The committee will officially notify the county of the decisions and information will be available to community members that are interested in the committee's final decision.

Committee reviews the documentation that will be submitted to the county's Deeds & Records file. Recommendations were made for editing and the document will be approved via email within 2 weeks of today, November 2, 2016 to get paperwork signed and filed by the 30 day file date of November 18th, 2016.

Sue Bowers opens the floor to public comment

No public comment was made.

Meeting Adjourned 1:03 PM