

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MEETING
January 23, 2008

1316 Tamson Drive, CCSD Suite 204, Cambria

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

ATTENDING DIRECTORS:

Ilan Funke-Bilu, Jon Martinez, Rob Trask, Bill Schassberger, Pat Bouldin

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:11

1. No quorum was obtained. Attending Directors decided since the main presenters of the January Agenda Items were not present, we would delay all the Agenda Items until February 27th meeting except Agenda Item #8 as the deadline for this item was January 31, 2008

2. Rob Trask gave a short history on the horrendous problem with the invasive plants in the Cambria area. Jon Martinez discussed his weed eradication of invasive plants on the Fiscalini Ranch in January. It was decided that both subjects will be on our February Agenda so that we all can hear and discuss this major problem we have in our forest. Pat Bouldin agreed to contact the Land Conservancy of SLO County to obtain information on training and certification of Pampas Grass with Roundup.

3. Agenda Item #8: All present Directors agreed the 'draft listing' for the Cambria Community Directory (which was attached to the regular January Agenda) should be sent in without changes and that an email vote should be conducted by all Directors. If the vote is favorable, Pat Bouldin will send the email to the Tribune for publication.

Because it was cold, wet and miserable outside, it was suggested and unanimously agreed we should have an early closing of this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 pm.

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
MINUTES - FEBRUARY 27, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING
CCSD MEETING ROOM #204**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bob Putney, Jon Martinez, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rob Trask, Rick Hawley, Galen Rathbun, Tim O'Keefe, Vern Kalshan, Pat Bouldin

GUESTS PRESENT:

JoEllen Butler – Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve

Chair Putney called meeting to order at 19:06 with a quorum

1. January 23, 2008 Unofficial Minutes were discussed – no questions or comments
2. Treasurer's Report - \$616.99 in checking account as reported by Trask
3. Putney received from PG&E a VISA Debit Card for \$400 made out to the Cambria Forest Committee. He said that this should be kept confidential so other groups will not try to collect fees from PG&E. CFC owes Greenspace \$350 for pine trees used for the PG&E planting. All trees have been planted.

First Motion: Made by Rathbun - To give the Debit Card in the amount of \$400 to Greenspace. Seconded by: Bouldin

Second Motion: Made by Putney – Before the Debit card is used will contact Trinidad and find out where we are on that. Seconded by: O'Keefe

Third Motion: Made by Putney - Write a check for \$350 to Greenspace for replacement of trees already purchased and in the ground. Seconded by: O'Keefe

4. Because the PG&E trees were planted in only two locations and setting up a database for all would be too time consuming, it was decided we would not keep track of the individual trees. Bouldin will contact Schassberger and ask him to write a report showing all the necessary information on PG&E tree planting project and email to all Directors. Bouldin will also contact Trinidad and see if he is willing to possibly do some GIS at one of the locations where the trees are planted.
5. On Agenda Item 5, regarding a proposed demonstration Website template for a CFC Brochure, it was disclosed that during one of the CFC's past meetings, the directors had volunteered Hawley to complete this Agenda Item. Hawley was not present at this meeting and when asked if he would be interested in doing so, he declined.
6. This item was discussed and action was taking in Agenda Item 3.

7. Chief Putney stated he is still receiving information from the parties that he parceled out the draft of the proposed Defensible Space Ordinance for their comments and rulings. He is going to Reno to attend the Western US Wild Land Conference and while there, he intends to show the draft with his comments and changes to other folks and foresters attending. He will return on the 7th and says he should have a working draft ready for review by the DSO Ad-Hoc committee by the 20th of March. Funke-Bilu stated that this Ad-Hoc committee was almost the whole of the CFC Directors and that they are the knowledgeable Directors so the most time working with this draft would be spent by them. All involved said that this Draft Ordinance should be ready to present to the CCSD Board at their April regular monthly meeting.
8. Hawley stated that they are making progress on the draft website for Greenspace on a certification program for fuel reduction workers/citizens. There will be four Modules. One & four are done and they will probably combine two & three. Video clips will be inserted. Hawley will bring his laptop at our March meeting and show us the current draft.
9. Bouldin reported that the CFC listing in the Cambrian Directory was emailed to The Tribune on January 28, 2008.
10. **A Motion** was made by O'Keefe to accept the tentative meeting schedule of the CFC. Seconded by: Rathbun. Putney will send out the schedules to the committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2008

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
MARCH 26, 2008 MEETING
CCSD MEETING ROOM

Minutes

Members present: Rob Trask, Ilan Funke Bleu, Bob Putney, Art Trinidad, Bill Schassberger, Vern Kalshan.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes of February meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurers report: \$400 PGE card plus \$269.99

Ilan/Vern moved to cash the debit card from PGE. Art to send email confirming the replacement value for 20 trees.. Approved unopposed.

GIS of seedlings. No GIS at this time, Bob will get GPS locations of both plantings. Bill presented the committee with a binder report of the planting.

Defensible space ordinance update. Subcommittee has the defensible space ordinance. Will be done on Friday. CSD has had first reading. The subcommittee will meet with the Fire Chief when done.

Other business. Bob briefed the committee on a recent conference he attended in Reno on Wildland Urban Forest Interface.

Adjourned 7:45

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING/ CCSD MEETING ROOM
APRIL 17, 2008

DIRECTORS: Art Trinidad, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Galen Rathbun, Jon Martinez, Rick Hawley, Bill Schassberger, Pat Bouldin, Rob Trask, Bob Putney, Tim O'Keefe

PUBLIC: Howard Vallens, Lywne Harkins, Adolph Atencio, Brad Seek, Judy Martinez, JoEllen Butler, Kathy Tanner, Daun Putney, Jutta Jacobs, Jim Anderson, Bryan Bode, Captain Blair Gillespie, Angela Gutgesell, Greg Sanders.

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

This special meeting was to read over and discuss the CFC subcommittee's final draft of the Wildland Fire Protection Ordinance that will be submitted to the CCSD for review and consideration.

Rob Trask explained the ordinance and the role of the committee of the draft that was forwarded to Chief Putney for review and then reworked.

Bob Putney explained that a bill (SB1617) was currently out of committee that would have a direct impact on property taxes within a high fire hazard zone, unless there was a local ordinance directed at wildland fire mitigation.

Jon and Bill asked that more discussion on tree replacement be put in the current draft. It was decided that that should be the result of the adoption and implementation of the FMP rather than the WFO. There was concern that the FMP had been out for several years without action from the CCSD. District Director Greg Sanders pledged to bring the FMP to the CCSD board for adoption.

Ilan Funke-Bilu, seconded by Jon Martinez moved to approve the draft of the Cambria Community Wildland Fire Protection Ordinance with modifications. Approved with Rick abstaining. *

Jon wanted the minutes to reflect his concern that the subcommittee did not have adequate time to properly vet the document and wished the CSD had provided it more time.

On unanimous consent, the April 23, 2008 meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be May 28, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

* Director Rob Trask made the changes, confirmed they were accurate with Art Trinidad and sent the amended draft to the CFC via email on Friday April 18, 2008.

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
MINUTES – MAY 28, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING
CAMBRIA FIRE STATION**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Tim O'Keefe, Bill Schassberger, Jon Martinez, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rob Trask, Vern Kalshan, Pat Bouldin

GUEST PRESENT:

Greg Saenz – PG&E Forester, Area 4, Vegetation Management

Meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum.

1. No meeting minutes to approve
2. Treasurer's Report - \$617.00 in checking account. Reported by Rob Trask
3. Our guest, Greg Saenz works on contract for PG&E. His title is Forester. He was attending not only to observe but also to answer any questions about the PG&E program. He oversees contract personnel such as Davey Trees and the Davey Recourse Group. He stated he may be able to get us some charitable contributions for planting of new trees. Greg attended Cal Poly and had Director O'Keefe as one of his professors.

Agenda Items 4 & 5 were not discussed at this meeting as Art & Rick were unable to attend.

6. It was assumed that this item was in regard to the Wildland Fire Protection Ordinance. The group discussed our Special April 17th meeting and the CCSD action regarding this Ordinance.
7. New business – none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2008

No CFC June 2008 meeting held

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
MINUTES – JULY 23, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING
CAMBRIA CSD, Suite# 204 Tamson Drive**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bob Putney, Tim O'Keefe, Bill Schassberger, Jon Martinez, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rob Trask, Galen Rathbun, Rick Hawley, Vern Kalshan

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Meeting commenced at 1905 p.m. by Chair Putney with a quorum.

1. No meeting minutes to approve
196.994
2. Treasurer's Report - \$617.00 in checking account. Reported by Rob Trask
3. Vern Kalshan advised that he has been working with representatives of the Secretary of State regarding our 501-C3 status. He states it is pending.
4. PG&E made another donation to the CFC in the form of a Debit pre-paid card. Discussion regarding the use of this card and for what purposes was held. Several members will look into determining if there are alternate methods to use this donation in the furtherance of CFC projects or goals.
5. Rick Hawley stated that Greenspace's project grant to fund and develop a training program for vegetation management employees and workers was tabled. He stated this was due to the fact an Ordinance was not approved and therefore there was nothing to pattern the proposed training curriculum.
6. A status report regarding the CFC pine tree, (*pinus~radiata*), plantings at the new Cambria Grammar School was given by Bill Schassberger. It was requested that the trees be GPS spatially identified/located and recorded for future research, and longevity.
7. The chair advised that Jo Ellen Butler, Director of the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, had expressed interest in becoming a member of the Board of Directors on the CFC. It was motioned, seconded and unanimously approved that Jo Ellen Butler be appointed as a public member Director to the CFC.
8. Vice Chair Pat Bouldin was recognized for her efforts and dedication by the CFC Board of Directors, for her service as Vice-Chair. Pat has requested to step down as Vice-Chair and remain as a public Board member.
9. The chair advised Board members that it was time to nominate and elect the officers of the Board of Directors of the CFC. Nominations were opened for Chair Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the CFC. Bill Schassberger was nominated for Chair, Jon Martinez for Vice-Chair, Secretary was Art Trinidad, and Rob Trask was nominated for Treasurer. Motion, seconded and unanimous approval for the officers of the CFC.

General discussion followed. The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hrs.

Next CFC BOD Meeting: August 28, 2008 1900 hrs.

No CFC August 2008 meeting held

Cambria Forest Committee
Minutes-September 24, 2008 Meeting
Cambria CSD Suite #204 Tamson Drive Cambria, CA 93428

Directors Present:

Bob Putney, Galen Rathbun, Ilan Funke-Bilu, JoEllen Butler, Jon Martinez, Pat Bouldin, Rick Hawley, Rob Trask, Tim O'Keefe, Vern Kalshan

Visitors Present:

Roger Andriola, Howard Vallens

- 1.0 Meeting called to order 7:05 PM
- 2.0 Approved minutes of July 23, 2008
- 3.0 Treasurer Rob Trask reports we have \$196.99 in the bank account, a \$400.00 debit card expiring 1/09 and a \$1500.00 debit card expiring 6/09 for a total of \$2096.99. Authorized signatures for the bank account will be changed to Rob Trask, Galen Rathbun and Bill Schassberger
- 4.0 Vern Kalshan reports filing 2007 tax return will restore CFC's 501(c) (3) status
Overpayment of filing fee received by Bob to be directed to Rob for deposit
- 5.0 Update of debit cards (see 3.0)
- 6.0 Broad discussion of CFC's potential goals
Jon Martinez agreed to put together a list for next month's meeting
- 7.0 Cambria Forest Management Plan discussion covered during 6.0
- 8.0 Annual Lot Clearing
Bill Schassberger asked and Bob Putney agreed to: provide APN#s for the approximately 2000 vacant lots directed by CCSD to be cleared... with 70% cleared by CCSD approved contractors, guidelines for lot clearing and list of approved contractors.
JoEllen Butler discussed recent clearing of Fiscalini Ranch near Warren Road as a bad balance between fire safety and protecting the environment
Bob Putney said 100-120 foot Fiscalini Ranch defensible space clearance was decided in 2002 the last time the area was cleared
Galen Rathbun asked if log removal was required?
Howard Vallens proposed sending letter to CSD counsel to inquire about the status of the Defensible Space Ordinance, Howard would compose letter, email it to Bill, Bill would email it to all of the directors...and they would respond with an email vote to either send it to the CCSD or not
- 9.0 Illegal Tree Removal Discussion and Mitigation Measures
- 10.0 Distribution List-Pat Bouldin provided distribution list, requested that any corrections be emailed to her
- 11.0 Public Comment-Roger Andriola discussed lot clearing between Orlando and Drake as excessive and damaging, he indicated that his neighbors were threatened with fines if they did not clear to that degree
- 12.0 Tim O'Keefe announced Agraforest Workshop at SLO Vets Hall 10 - 2 Friday October 3rd.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM

No CFC October 2008 meeting held

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Cambria Forest Committee

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2008

LOCATION

Cambria CSD Suite #204
1316 Tamson Drive
Cambria, CA 93428

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Galen Rathbun, John Martinez, Pat Bouldin, Rick Hawley, Rob Trask, Tim O'Keefe

GUESTS PRESENT:

Brian Bode, Brad Seek and John Moller

1.0 Called to order at 7:05 pm

2.0 Approved the minutes of September 24, 2008

3.0 Treasurer reported a balance of \$2096.99 (Trask) - Received/Approved

4.0 No report on CFC's 501 C-3 Status

5.0 Debit cards still need to be converted to cash

6.0 CFC potential goals – No action taken

7.0 Annual lot clearing - No action taken

8.0 Illegal Tree Removal – No action taken

Notes: 1 - Brian Bode stated that his opinions/voting might conflict with his status as a CCSD employee.

2 – Rick Hawley offered to provide a salary estimate for the proposed Cambria Forest Manager position.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

No CFC December 2008 meeting held