

Tree Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weed Committee Minutes February 16, 2018

Call to Order: 1:00PM

Present: Peggy Olds (Chair), Annette deLeest (Trustee), Karen Pachman (Secretary), Laura Frazier (Compliance Officer/Business Manager), Valerie Harrison, Larry Raymer

Introduction and Welcome: Peggy welcomed all to the meeting. No guests present.

Old Business:

- **January 2018 Committee Minutes:** Draft of January 2018 minutes have been circulated by e-mail for corrections. Unanimous approval of the minutes; they will be submitted to the Board.
- **Equipment:** Laura announced that the committee received the new laser range finder and the fiberglass survey rod.

New Business:

- **Tree Report/Discussion:** Laura presented her report for February 2018. Four (4) new complaints were added to the existing twenty-two (22) complaints and two (2) were closed. At the end of February 2018, we have twenty-four (24) outstanding complaints. See attached report from Laura.
- **Fire Wise Recommendation:** Laura mentioned that Gary Williams, Board Chairperson, had suggested that the Firewise program/chipper site might be best served a sub-committee under the tree committee. Since Gary was unable to attend this meeting to discuss the issue, the committee asked Laura to invite him to the March meeting for a discussion of the recommendation.
- **Committee Charter Review:** The committee conducted its annual review of the Charter. The committee reviewed qualifications, fine policy and noxious weed issues. Several members were concerned about lack of enforcement on non-compliant parcels that were many years old that had thousands of dollars in fines or liens against the property. The committee recommended to Laura that complaints not in compliance within two years (at this time we have three complains that are outstanding over two years from date the fine commence be turned over to the Surfside attorney for collection options or compliance recommendations for Board action.
- **Noxious Weed Meeting:** Members of the committee (Peggy, Larry, Annette) attended the Friends of Willapa Bay Noxious Weed seminar. Pacific County has very limited funds and staff to handle complaints. But county and extension service speakers encouraged groups to get involved with information/education campaigns (something the committee is actively doing) and work to identify large areas that could be treated. The committee through Laura, actively works with the county of Class A weeds (gorse). Larry said that Yellow Flag Iris is abundant in the Surfside canals and Seabreeze and Twin Lakes. He delineated specific spots on a Surfside map and said he would work with the Fish and Waterway Committee to identify

clusters for treatment. The entire committee committed to help inventory hot spots of Gorse and Scotch Broom, as well as Yellow Flag iris throughout Surfside this spring. Follow up action would be to develop an integrated pest manage plan, work with the County staff and if necessary, submit the plan for funding in 2019 if necessary.

- **Roles and Responsibilities Discussion:** The committee reviewed the roles and responsibilities of members, Trustees and the Compliance Officer (Laura). All agreed it is important to provide accurate information to members as we review complaints and to always check in with Laura before making any statements regarding fines, relief of fines, covenant interpretations, changes to compliance deadlines or dismissal of complaints. We re-emphasized the need to follow the covenants as written.

- **Other New business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 2:25PM

Next Meeting: March 16, 20018 at 1:00 Surfside board Room, HOA Office

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