

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

March 14th, 2001

Minutes

Recording Secretary: Pam Dowding

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

6:00pm: Dinner

6:15pm: The facilitator opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

Reminder of next meeting

Next meeting will be on March 21st, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, and work will continue on Indicators. Chinese food will be served.

Presentation of Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved.

Slide show on Dianne Lake Area

A slide show was presented and several pictures of the Dianne Lake Valley area were shown. Areas where heli-logging will take place were pointed out to members.

Questions were asked regarding the stability of the ground in the area. Aerial shots of the Dianne Lake falls were shown.

Introduction of guests

Members introduced themselves to two guests attending this evening's meeting. The guests were Harold Long and Gerri Parsons.

Review of Minutes of February 28th

The minutes from February 28th were reviewed and changes and additions noted. The amended minutes will be posted to the website.

Addition to minutes includes the High Falls area proposal.

→ CAG wishes to discuss and formalize an agreement between Weyerhaeuser and the group regarding the proposal for this area.

Congratulations to the members on completing and reaching agreement in the zoning process for the Stillwater Timberlands Pilot Project.

Members Reports

Members gave brief overviews of their roles in communicating with their constituents. Copies of member's statements are on file. Several different methods of reporting were noted. Members noted that they belonged to other organizations and clubs, and spoke regularly with members of the public to keep them informed regarding the Community Advisory Group's business.

→ It was noted that a broader range of public awareness was planned through news releases in the local paper, website promotion and public displays.

Final review of Letter to Doug McCormick re: Pilot Project

Letter regarding the final agreement on the zoning process with Weyerhaeuser was reviewed and it was noted that the letter would be delivered to Weyerhaeuser, with copies sent to other interested parties.

Final Review of Access Letter

Members reviewed the final draft of letter to Weyerhaeuser regarding public access to logging roads and recreation facilities. It was discussed and noted that Weyerhaeuser would contact their contractors regarding the group's concerns in this area. Suggestion was made that all deactivated roads should have a trail left for public access. Suggestion was also made that some of the roads could be widened in parts to improve visibility when logging trucks are in the area. Addition to the letter was discussed, and the revised version to be sent to Greg Hemphill - District Manager, Ministry of Forests.

Indicators Discussion - Dennis Fitzgerald

Two handouts were distributed to the group - *Indicators excerpted from North and West Island SFM Plans* and *Stillwater Values and Goals worksheet*.

A brief outline of indicators was given. Suggested indicators were discussed and members brainstormed the subject of whether certain indicators were representative, reliable or feasible. Members discussed the first Critical Element-

Conservation of biological diversity.

Ecosystem diversity is conserved if the variety and landscape level patterns of communities and ecosystems that naturally occur on the DFA are maintained through time. Indicators were suggested and the group worked through the process of deciding on appropriate solutions for this section.

Landscape Unit Recreation Management Plan was discussed. It was noted that the Brundtland Commission of 1991 in Sweden decided that all governments should set aside 12-13% a parkland. It was noted that the Bunster Hills area was the first area set aside in this region.

It was suggested that members take home the information on indicators to digest.

Resignation of Member for the Environment

Janet May, Environment seat, tendered her resignation to the group. Janet will help to find a replacement for the vacant seat, and contribute notes on the Terms of Reference. The group expressed their sadness at the resignation and thanked her for all the valuable time and work she had contributed over the past year.

Notice of next meeting on Wednesday March 21st (Knights of Columbus Hall) and reminder that the Parksville workshop will take place on Mar 29th and 30th.

Meeting adjourned 9:05PM

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Attendance

Present

Name	Position	Member Seat
Eagle Walz*	Primary	Recreation

Bill Duff	Primary	Citizens
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractor
Janet May	Primary	Environment
George Ferreira	Primary	Recreation
Linda Scheiber	Primary	Tourism
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Sally Keays	Alternate	Environment
<i>*Co- Chair</i>		

Absent

Ken Jackson*	Primary	Recreation
Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education/Training
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt
Michael Conway Brown	Primary	Environment
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractor
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Rita Rasmussen	Alternate	Environment

Ian Fleming	Alternate	Local Business
Jim Stutt	Alternate	Recreation
Mark Desnoyers	Alternate	Tourism
Bob Baxter	Alternate	Recreation

8 - seats in attendance, 5 - absent

Resource /Other:

Rod Tysdal - Weyerhaeuser

Dennis Fitzgerald - Weyerhaeuser

Facilitator - Cathy Bartfai - chamber@prcn.org

Secretary - Pam Dowding - pamdowding@home.com