

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 20, 2019

Attendance: Jim Dunn, Tom O'Shea, Ryan McKay, Chris Hugo,

Absent: Maleah Gustafson

Also In Attendance: Amy Parker +2

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Ryan, seconded by Tom, the minutes of the November 2019 meeting were accepted unanimously.

On a motion by Tom, seconded by Ryan the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting were accepted unanimously.

On a motion by Ryan seconded by Tom the minutes of the December 23, 2019 meeting were accepted unanimously (Ryan abstained).

On a motion by Tom, seconded by Ryan the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting were accepted unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE:

61B parcel scoring is complete. A summary presentation has been started. Chapter 61 parcel scoring has begun.

SECRETARY POSITION

Tom volunteered to take over the Secretary position beginning with the next meeting.

EDUCATIONAL SERIES PRESENTATION:

A brief discussion about potential workshops was conducted. The consensus seemed to be that a "Beginning Gardening: topic would engender good support.

FARMERS MARKET:

Jim will schedule the Farmer's Market banner hanging for the season in March.

CENTRAL MASS GROWN:

No input

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT:

Jim will contact the 'Do Something' volunteer.

REVISED AG COMM MISSION STATEMENT

On a motion by Chris, seconded by Ryan, Tom's proposed revision to the Ag Comm Mission Statement was accepted unanimously.

On a motion by Tom, seconded by Ryan, the list of accomplishments proposed by Jim, including links to videos of workshop presentations, was accepted unanimously.

AG COMM BLOG STATUS:

The Committee discussed implementation options. Tom researched a hosting option called squarespace. It shows some promise. More work will need to be done. A question rose about traffic on the Ag Comm's WWW page. Jim will research.

AG COMM VIDEO UPDATE:

Chris is organizing thoughts on how to make this happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim distributed copies of the new Holden Master Plan to each member. The members discussed the Master Plan and impacts on the Ag Comm. A list of Ag Comm taskings was presented. Each member was ask to select two topics for implementation work; one for a personal effort, and one for a group effort.

On a motion by Ryan, seconded by Tom, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James Dunn
Acting Secretary