

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19th, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jane Wentworth, Joyce Komac, Wendy McClure, Dana Coggon, Toni Probert, and Peg Tillery.

- I. **There were no introductions or public comments.**
- II. **Approval of December minutes.** Jane made a revision, to add Robbyn's last name Meyer, from Kitsap County Department of Community Department. Joyce motioned to approve the minutes, with Jane seconded. The December minutes were approved.
- III. **Announcements & Board Comments:**

There were no announcements.

Dana suggested the board should discuss and prioritize the 2006 goals and objectives. Peg suggested that each board member might want to report on their district happenings at each meeting. The members in attendance agreed this was important. There will be further discussion at the next board meeting about possible protocols and guidelines for Weed Board projects.
- IV. **WSU Extension Report:**

Peg reported that the Master Gardener Training for 2006 has started. Dana will be teaching a class on February 17th about weeds.

On January 18th, a workshop on water-wise landscaping and irrigation systems was conducted at the WSU Kitsap County Extension Classroom for the Green Industries.

Peg has been in contact with Carrie Foss, WSU pesticide education, about holding Integrated Pest Management classes in Kitsap County. Carrie will hold a class here in the County in October of 2006.
- V. **Project Updates:**

Anderson Landing: Dana will be working with a Juvenile Detention group on February 25th & 26th at the site. Dana would like to try some test spots with large bark mulching for knotweed control.

Long Lake: The contracts are signed. Treatment of Long Lake should be started soon.

Schold Farm: No update

New Projects:

Master Weed Advisor Training: Training will begin May 4th, 2006. Dana, Toni and Peg will be reviewing past training materials and formatting the program for 2006. Dana would like to see the weed advisors do "pay back" hours, as do Master Gardeners. Dana will be inviting personnel from local environmental groups and County agencies to attend the classes.

Do Not Compost campaign: Dana & Peg will be contacting Dave Peters from Waste Management to discuss education for the public on what weeds "not" to compost or put in the yard waste recycle containers. Dana will also talk to Dave about the logistics of getting a container for Indianola's Ivy program.

Northwest Flower & Garden Show: The State Noxious Weed Booth is still looking for volunteers for the show. Dana and Toni will be volunteering on Wednesday, February 8th from 1:00-6:00 P.M. Dana asked the board members to contact her if they are interested in volunteering.

- VI. **County Weed List:** Toni will contact the Kitsap Sun to submit the 30 day notice of public hearing for the 2006 Kitsap County Noxious Weed List. The public will be invited at the February meeting to make Public comments on the proposed changes to the weed list. Dana will have a draft 2006 brochure for the public and Board to view at the February Meeting.
- VII. **Annual Report:** Dana plans to have the report finished by February 20th. Dana presented a copy of the Washington State Noxious Weed Report. Dana noted that Kitsap's report will look similar to the state's but be more specific to the programs here and provide information on County contacts.
- VIII. **Program Report:**
- New Parks Director:** Dana will meet with Mark Mauren, the new Kitsap County Facilities, Parks, & Recreation Director, in February. She will discuss what the Noxious Weed Department has been working on in 2005, and what the goals are for 2006. She has invited him to attend a Noxious Weed Board Meeting.
- State Weed Board Meeting:** Dana attended the state meeting on January 18th. Information about the Invasive Species Council was presented at the meeting. Dana would like the Board to write a letter of support for the Council and stress the importance of the State Weed Board playing an active role within the new council. She feels the two groups could work well together. After the State Board meeting, Dana introduced herself to some of the Kitsap County District Representatives and Senators and left information with them about Kitsap County's Noxious Weed Program along with a copy of the State Report.
- Indianola Ivy Education:** A landowners group from Indianola had contacted Dana about possible English Ivy removal program. They have a person who will do the work, but was wondering if the county had any financial assistance for disposing of the ivy. Dana was unaware of any financial assistance available but will research information from Waste Management division. Dana invited Wendy to attend one of the landowner meetings in Indianola with her, since it is Wendy's district.
- Water Festival:** Dana and Toni are the co-chairs for the food at Water Festival. Dana will also be one of the presenters.
- IX. **Other Items:**
- Joyce announced that the WA State Department of Transportation training for maintenance personnel will be March 21st. & 22nd. This is a training that Dana would be welcome to attend. Joyce reported WSDOT in 2006 will do a paving project that will scrape the shoulders and remove unwanted vegetation under the guardrail so no herbicide will be applied to the Island this year. Various suggestions have been submitted to control the vegetation without the use of herbicides, but none have been determined to be viable either due to the price of care or lack of testing. A test area on Bainbridge Island will revegetate shoulders and under guardrail with low growing grass species. This will be installed during the paving project. If this test project does not perform as expected the DOT may resume applying herbicides to the guardrails.

Wendy presented an article from a friend from Scotland. The article talked about the plants that are invasive to their area, noting some natives to the Northwest. Also, the Great Peninsula Conservancy will be having a work party on April 22nd, 2006 (Earth Day).

Jane reported on the Bainbridge Island Weed Warriors recent meeting. Cindy Herrick, the new coordinator for Bainbridge in Bloom discussed the weed warriors having the Noxious Weed display booth again. Anne Seeley will be coordinating volunteers for the booth. On Earth Day, the Weed Warriors will be having a work

party at Pritchard Park to pull ivy. The Urban Forestry position on Bainbridge Island is still under consideration.

Dana announced Toni Probert's Program Assistant probation period has been completed, and she is now a permanent staff person. Congratulations and thanks were given to Toni.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Toni Probert, Program Assistant

