



**A Meeting Of The IPM Task Force  
Minutes  
Wednesday, September 19, 2007  
Albany Senior Center  
846 Masonic Ave.  
7:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order:** 7:38 p.m. Task Force Members present: Chair Wishner, Piller, Mattson, Thomas, Glasner, and Carlsen. Excused Linden and Fabian.

**Staff present:** Director Ann Chaney, Manager Richard Cunningham and Robin Mariona

**2. Review of Minutes: July 5 and July 18, 2007:**

**Motion:**

Approval of the minutes of July 5<sup>th</sup> as corrected made by Member Mattson and seconded by Member Thomas. Motion carried all in favor.

Approval of the minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup> made by Member Piller and seconded by Member Mattson. Motion carried all in favor.

**3. Public Comment: None**

**4. Announcements/Communication: None**

**5. Discussion and possible action on matters related to the following items, which could include reports and/or proposed resolutions if any:**

**5.1 Latest draft of the IPM ordinance and policy documents:** Chair Wishner stated that IPM advisor Steven Ash and Director Ann Chaney were in attendance to answer questions. She further stated that Director Chaney had been working on the draft of the ordinance along with Member Piller and the drafting committee. The Members had the draft policy/regulations document with changes in the meetings packet, which was the basis of Director Chaney's ordinance draft.

Director Chaney stated that it was not necessary to dwell on the ordinance because the City attorney was still revising it. The policy was based on a program that could be changed based on research and other factors. The ordinance was an enabling document that authorized the City to establish an IPM policy that would reside in the City Municipal Code, and was not designed to be changed often.

Chair Wishner stated that the Precautionary Principle appeared to be missing from the draft ordinance. Chair Wishner stated that there were also a few items that needed additional phrasing attached for definition sake, but it was agreed to add them when the City attorney was finished with his corrections.

Director Chaney stated that the policy as written so far was difficult to read and it was a concern if the Task Force wanted the document to be accessible. She stated that she had made a few changes to remedy that by reformatted and added some headings to clarify the document, but had not changed anything substantive. She further suggested that the document be called policy regulations and added some wording pertaining to the implementation commencement period.

Chair Wishner suggested that the Task Force move on to some of the questions that had been exchanged through e-mail with Mr. Ash mainly having to do with Best Management Practices, fertilizers and the Precautionary Principle.

The Task Force began with Best Management practices and if they needed more definition and clarification in Section 17. Mr. Ash stated that it was sufficient as stated and site-specific Best Management practices were established over time. Member Carlsen stated that it was important to add primary sources for Best Management to give the implementation committee tools for practices, information and technical information agencies. Director Chaney stated that Mr. Ash should provide a list of sources to the Task Force to include in Section 17. Member Glasner stated that a definition of Best Management should be included in definition section.

Member Carlsen stated that there were implications in the document that all synthetic fertilizers were toxic, and suggested eliminating terms that make this seem to be the case. Mr. Ash stated that the pillar of plant health was soil health, and that was best achieved by using organic matter in fertilizers. After lengthy discussion on the benefits of natural methods over synthetic, Member Carlsen still had concerns. Director Chaney and Chair Wishner stated that Member Carlsen needed to exactly identify the location of wording he objected to with regard to synthetic fertilizers in the document, and provide that information to the Task Force at the next meeting.

Chair Wishner questioned whether the burden of proof portion of the Precautionary Principle should be reinserted into Section 1.

**Public Comment:** Albany resident Mark Bowman stated that arguing over the burden of proof was unnecessary and ridiculous.

The Task Force voted 3 to 2 with one abstention, to add the burden of proof back into the document in Section 1.

**5.2 Relationship of the new city urban forestry position to IPM program:** Chair Wishner stated that there may have been a change in the job description for the Urban Forestry position, and that it included the responsibility of IPM Coordinator. She further related to the Task Force that Member Linden had expressed concern over the Urban Forestry job description, and whether it included substantial enough IPM experience as a requirement for the position. She also expressed concern that the Task Force had not been included in the selection process. Member Piller stated that the Task Force had no authority or jurisdiction over the Urban Forestry position.

**Public Comment:** Mark Bowman questioned Manager Cunningham as to what his projection might be for the cost of implementation of the IPM program. Manager Cunningham stated that it would be a two-step process beginning with an IPM consultant that would develop a spreadsheet of costs and it would then become a budget issue. He further stated that the creation of the IPM structure and manual would be the processes that would incur costs.

## **6. Future Agenda Items**

### **7. Adjournment: 9:45pm**

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn made by Member Mattson and seconded by Member Glasner.

