

**A Meeting Of The Park And Recreation Commission**  
**IPM Task Force**  
**Wednesday January 10, 2007**  
**Albany Senior Center**  
**846 Masonic Ave.**  
**7:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order: 7:37 p.m.** Task Force Members present: Task Force Chair Wishner, Thomas, Mattson, Fabian, Piller, Glasner, Carlsen. Excused Linden

Staff present: Melinda Chinn Richard Cunningham and Robin Mariona

Steven Ash: IPM Consultant

- II. Public Forum:** None

- III. Review of Minutes:** December 13, 2006 minutes approved with revisions. Motion made by Member Glasner and seconded by Member Mattson. Motion approved 7 to 0. Review of minutes from September 27, 2006 tabled until the next meeting.

- IV. Correspondence:** None

- V. Director's Report:** Manager Cunningham brought a sample of a weed called annual bluegrass that was currently growing profusely in Memorial Park. He suggested that pulling the bluegrass out might be a good test for a volunteer project and might also be used as a litmus test for the public on weed tolerance.

- VI. Review and discussion related to:**

**1. IPM Community Input Day planning:** Chair Wishner directed the Task Force to questions 3,6 and 7 on the community survey as having been revised since the last meeting. The main change on question 3 was a change in terminology and the addition of bullet points. Member Fabian thought that question 7 was still a little confusing, as it didn't clarify that the use of pesticides required a license to apply.

Director Chinn stated that # 7 needed to include "on City property" in the wording to clarify the question. Mr. Ash further suggested adding, "having an annually reviewed list of the least toxic chemicals" rather than just "least toxic chemicals" to question 7, as he felt it would avoid confusion, but stressed not getting too detailed in the questions.

It was agreed that the survey with revisions would be distributed as soon as possible including location drop boxes at the Community Center, the Senior Center and City Hall.

Member Glasner inquired of Mr. Ash as to what questions should be asked at the breakout sessions. Mr. Ash stated that 15 minutes was not much time for his initial Power Point presentation and 30 minutes would be better. It was proposed that after a 5-minute introduction by Chair Wishner, Mr. Ash would take a half hour for his presentation and the questions for the 2

breakout groups would be in a specific problem-solving format relevant to the group, each group being given a different task with 15 or 20 minutes to discuss a solution. Following the breakout sessions there would be a 20 or 30-minute discussion by the whole group and questions coordinated by a facilitator. Member Glasner asked how this type of question format could be tabulated to help the Task Force to create policy. Member Piller stated that in the discussion session following the breakouts, they would be able to discern the direction the public wanted to take from their solutions. Manager Cunningham reminded the Task Force and Mr. Ash that the questions needed to stay focused on aesthetic values, which was the area in which the public could have the most influence, rather than issues that required highly technical solutions.

Member Carlsen thanked the sub-committee for their work, and asked that Mr. Ash be responsible for creating the question scenarios to present in the breakout groups. Chair Wishner stated that the breakout groups should be organized so that the participants answered one question per group, and would share their findings with the others at the debriefing, to make sure that they did not run out of time.

Mr. Ash agreed to draft the questions as problems to solve, designed to elicit responses focused on aesthetic values and thresholds of tolerance, using rats and mice, weeds and insects. The public would also be provided with a number of solutions to choose from for each problem. Mr. Ash stated that he would have the questions ready for review at the Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. He also suggested finding a gift item to give away at the meeting.

The meeting would be advertised as taking place from 7-8:45 pm. and the Chair thanked the subcommittee for all their work.

**2. San Francisco IPM Conference: Tues., Feb. 13, 2007:** Chair Wishner reminded the Task Force about the San Francisco Conference coming up and the price for admission was \$30.

**3. City Council Action re: Solarization of the Memorial Ball field Turf.** Director Chinn stated that motion to the City Council regarding solarization of Memorial Turf did not get a second.

**4. Task Force membership:** Chair Wishner stated that the Commission had passed a motion to approve Roger Carlsen as a citizen member of the IPM Task Force.

**5. Ordinance/policy drafting subcommittee report:** Chair Wishner reported that the subcommittee was in the process of fleshing out the outline and was continuing to collect examples to present to the Task Force

**VII. Set future meeting(s): Wed., Jan. 17, 2007, 7:30p.m.**

**VIII. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.