



Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Location: Dunn Brothers (first floor meeting room)

Attendance: Steve Erler, Bob Tacke, Jim Marrs, Kerri Seemann

The meeting began at 1PM.

Old & New Business

Donation Update: Steve provided background on the \$500 donation for AHG that is being handled by the Arden Hills Foundation and his communication with the Foundation. Kerri submitted two receipts to Steve for reimbursement: \$71.37 for 100 Save the Native Bees flyers and \$59.61 for 2 Habitat Restoration yard signs for Chatham Trails Park.

Action Item (AI): Steve will submit the receipts to the Foundation.

Biochar Update: After requesting a quote from Becca (of GRG) for the cost for removing the brush piles that had been sitting around the Chatham aspen grove since autumn, the city abruptly chopped them up. So... we currently do not have any cost information to guide requests for future brush pile removal.

Herbicide Application: We requested that Public Works include at least one day of spraying at Chatham in the 2026 PWMP. Jeff Frid said that should be manageable; we would need to provide details of what/ when/where. We looked over the map today and discussed priority areas. Ideally, we'd like to be notified when the spraying will occur so that Bob or Steve can point out the specific areas to the operator.

Action Item (AI): Kerri will contact Jessica and Jeff to request an early-summer spraying.

The Brossarts contacted Kerri earlier in the month, asking about how to approach the city about renting goats to manage buckthorn regrowth on the slope they've been managing. The group collectively agreed that it would not be a good course of action; the regrowth would be managed better through brush cutting and/or spraying.

Parks Plan: Steve brought up the Parks Plan that is nearing completion. We discussed the need for a Natural Resources Management Plan and how we could best express our support for one. Jim also commented that it would be helpful to have Land Management Best Practices as guidance for private landowners.

Action Item (AI): Kerri will contact Jessica and the PTRC Chair to ask if/when it would be appropriate for us to approach the PTRC to express our support for a Natural Resources Management Plan.

Engagement: Jim suggested phenology posts could increase community engagement.

Buckthorn Removal: Robert stated that his plan is to focus on removing buckthorn between the aspen grove and the gully and, once that is complete, work on the east side of the gully. We agreed that it would be good to send letters to the neighboring residents to notify them of our intent this spring, but it is unclear who would write/send them. **(AI)**

Website Update: (not discussed) Kerri did add some visuals showing what was planted at Cummings Park. Chatham will be coming up next.

Action Item (AI): Kerri will try to make (more) improvements to the website.

The meeting ended at ~2:45 PM

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 31st, 1-3pm: Dunn Brothers (first floor)