



MINUTES
Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council
September 18, 2019
7- 9 pm
Pioneer Park Community Center

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:02 pm
2. **Introductions** were made/Sign-up sheet circulated
3. Volunteers for **clean up** were solicited.
4. **Safety Moment:** Evacuation: CalFire Tips are available on the back table. John brought his Emergency Go-Bag: there is a list available for that. Ken Pimlett cautioned the group that the weather is deceiving and although we have had rain and it is cooler, fire is still a danger.
5. The **Agenda** for the September 18 meeting was approved. Motion Ed/2nd Jane. In the future Action Items will be highlighted in the Minutes and Agenda.
6. **Minutes** of the August 21 Council Meeting approved. Motion Richard/2nd Ken.
7. **Chair and Vice Chairs' Report:** Both will address their comments later in the meeting.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** The Statement from September 1, 2019 to September 31, 2019 shows \$204.66 in the account.
Julie reminded everyone to fill out a Time Sheet for work done on your property or FireSafe meetings. This data will be used as we apply for grants. At some point it will be possible to fill out the Time Sheet online. A signature line has been added to the Time Sheet.
9. **Council Member Comments:** Greg brought up the need for a discussion or presentation on self defense of sheltering in place in case we are unable to evacuate. Ken emphasized that Evacuations are the first defense. He commented that Agencies are cautious to not push self defense. It is a last resource. Richard commented that Alan's Radio Communication presentation last meeting was excellent. Richard will communicate with Alan about the information he had offered to provide us. Dean commented that we need to think about how we interact with our neighbors in the event of a fire. Steve M. added that you start by defending your home and then leave early. John added that it is clear that the Council would like to pursue this information at a future Council meeting. He will put it on the Agenda for the next Board meeting for further action.
10. **Information Items:**
 - a. Speaker: Director Martinez of DOT was unable to attend.
 - b. Calendar:
 - i. October 16, 2019 Council meeting: There will be a presentation from Heather Campbell of PPFSC on "Hardening your House. It's the Little Things that Matter"
 - ii. October 6-12 Fire Prevention Week.
 - iii. Trainings: Sept. 30. Grant Writing Class: Dean attending.
Oct. 2: CalFire grants/Public Grants. Sandra Schwartz attending.

Oct. 8: Outreach Grants (expenditures that will be reimbursed) John and Julie attending
TBA: FireWise Risk Assessment Workshop. Ken will attend if available.

c. Agency Reports

i. EDCFSC: John Hess reporting: We can coordinate our efforts with other Councils, including grants, a FireSafe handbook is being updated, some insurance discounts for FireWise Communities, Chipping is still available once per year per resident, we are waiting for letters and money from Outreach Grant, Senior and Veteran Defensible Space program has been waiting for financing and is working on applications. You will need to reapply after July. Goal by July 2020 to have met with all the FSC to write up the CWPP.

ii. ORFSC: Sheila: They are still looking for people to be in the volunteer fire training program. Also looking for signs for displays that don't get blown down. Thanked Richard's Team on Evaluation for their help.

iii. PVFD: A reminder from John to check your smoke detectors.

iv. Sheriff: There was some discussion on different incidences of people burning either illegally or without common sense. Steve informed us that California law allows outdoor cooking fires, but suggested that a local Ordinance could prohibit them in the County.

v. South County Working Group: John could add the ordinance idea to their agenda. Sandra suggested that an incident history could be developed to determine where education needs to occur. It was suggested that Mark Matthews could inform us. The EDC ordinance is vague about roads. The Working Group intends to be more definite about roads as they create a local ordinance.

d. Committee Lead Reports

i. By-Laws: deferred until later in the Agenda.

ii. Policy and Procedures Manual: will be created by Board.

iii. Outreach Committee: Subcommittees: Fire Prevention Week is being coordinated by Amanda Eskildsen at Pioneer Elementary School District with teaching activities and a poster contest. Brochures, Neighborhood Captains, and a Survey are other sub-committees. The group will present their work to the Board on Oct. 2.

iv. Defensible Space Committee: Richard reported that 30 people have asked for an evaluation and that 15 have been completed, some with Seniors and Veterans.

v. Fundraising: We lost an opportunity to raise money at the last Disc Golf Tournament, according to Charlie Callahan. It was noted that the lack of people on this committee left no one with the responsibility to follow through with Charlie. Sheila said we can use ORFSC's forms for the Committee. Greg commented that it is a good idea to have a specific reason when asking people to donate at a fundraiser. John will add this item to the Board Agenda: develop a list of reasons for which we need funds .

11. Old Business:

a. CWPP & Grant Committee discussion. It was decided to create a Risk Assessment Committee instead of the CWPP. Ken Pimlett will chair the committee and will provide an advertisement soliciting volunteers to the Outreach Committee for distribution. The Risk Assessment Committee's task will be to assess vulnerability on structures

and vegetation. John will share the FireWise application for use on this project. The Committee will determine projects to be done, then apply for grants. Dean is the only one currently on the Grants Committee. It is necessary to have projects identified in order to get a grant. John will get list of previous Grant Committee volunteers to Dean.

b. Paypal account: Julie is moving the process forward.

c. Bylaws: A Motion was made by Ed/2nd Greg to approve the proposed By-laws. Passed unanimously. John reminded us that they can be changed at any time.

12. **New Business:**

a. Letter of Introduction: Council agreed to send out the draft letter which has been reviewed by the Outreach Committee. Council also agreed to send out an email letter first to the 93 properties in River Pines Estate since the River Pines Road Committee feels that this is an issue of vital public interest and is willing to use their email list for the purpose. Shirley Day is their representative. Ed will be responsible for this task.

b. Risk Assessment Committee was discussed in Old Business CWPP & Grant Committee.

13. **Public Comment**: John reminded the group to be sure and register for Code Red. When you do make sure that you set up your own account with a password so that changes can easily be made in the future.

14. **Good of the Order**: The next AFFSC Council meeting will be October 16, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Motion by Greg/Dean 2nd. Passed unanimously.

2019 Calendar:

October 6-12 Fire Prevention Week

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AFFSC Monthly Schedule

1st Wednesday 7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting

2nd Wednesday

Sec sends out Meeting call with Agenda and Minutes to Council members and Stakeholders

3rd Weds 7:00 pm

Monthly Council Meeting

4th Weds

Draft Minutes and Draft Agenda for next Council meeting to Executive Board

Monday before Exec. Board meeting

Exec Board Agenda sent out (John)