



MINUTES

Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council

January 20, 2021

7- 9 pm

ZOOM Meeting

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:10 pm. Attendees:, John, Mary Elliott-Klemm, Ed Matwich, Greg Ladeaux, Janet Barenston, Ken Pimlott, Sandy Hodnett, Shirley Woods, Jane Taylor
2. The **Agenda** for the January 20, 2021 meeting was amended and approved without objections.
3. **Minutes** of the November 18, 2020 Council Meeting approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report**: was approved without objections.
5. **Chair's Report**: none
6. **Vice-Chair's Report** none
7. **Agency Reports**
 - a.EDCFSC
 - i. John Wilcox from County VMO :
 - a. emphasis area for inspection:
2020: finishing up Georgetown and P. Pines.
2021: Hanks Exchange area in Oakhill FSC and Deer Valley Road, EDH .
 - 2 inspectors
considering a 5 year masterplan.
 - ii. Burning suspended: winds
 - iii. Ron Phillips: state Fire Chiefs
 - a. working on water supply standards
 - b. updates on Title 14 Defensible Space as well as Home Hardening
 - iv. Mike Blankenheim, new chief of Amador/ El Dorado unit:
 - a. Completing their inspections by March-
 - b. Possible Defensible Space training in April: Greg and Shirley interested.
 - v. Tom Tinsley for CalFire:
 - a.possibility of grant funding available
 - b. P. Pines/Sierra Springs focus for roadway grant work
 - vi. Emergency notification:
 - a. Councils should not get involved in radio emergency networks, individuals okay -
 - b. discussion in progress about how to get information out to public
 - vii. Chipping program is closed. No money available at this time.

- viii. Senior programs seeking grants
- ix. County Wide Community Protection Plan CWPP: Projects identified but no cost estimates yet
- x. Many communities have acquired Firewise USA status.

- b. PVFD
- c. ORFSC
- d. NCRS

8. Committee Lead Reports

a. Outreach Committee:

- i. Looking for lead
- ii. Newsletter:
 - a. sent out to: email list, put link to website on social media ,will post on website- will send to Council
 - b. Jane: newsletter will be quarterly: next one in April, needs articles (Janet and Mary: an article on Insurance webinar).

b Defensible Space Committee:

- i. Looking for coordinator to manage requests and spreadsheet
- ii. Wendy will continue to do inspections

c. Fundraising:

- i. Address Signs:
 - a. John has all materials from Richard.
 - b. Sharon to make the signs?
 - c. Need Coordinator as contact person
- ii. Donation received after the webinar.

d. CWPP/Risk Assessment Committee:

- a. no updates
- b. Vegetation Management meeting will be rescheduled

e. Ad Hoc Grants Committee: no report

9. Unfinished Business:

a. New Council members:

- i. Council will invite Mike Pinett, who has expressed an interest in being a member, to the next meeting to introduce himself. Council will vote by email following the meeting

b. Time Sheets:

- i. Ed will be updating the information and put it on the website.
- ii. Discussion on importance of Time Sheets: Ken reported that it is the MOST important piece of the grant for Firewise. Without that we would not have qualified. Other grants also require similar data.

c. VMO Update: nothing additional.

d. Insurance Webinar: 39 people attended, most stayed until the end. Video recording will be put on the website. Summary: COVID has minimized progress legislatively. Hopefully get back on track to get and retain insurance to address the wildfire issues. A lot of discussion about different plans.

e. Community Clean up Project: no update. John will send out memo to request involvement. Discussion followed.

f. Community Outreach: Discussion: new mailer in March? postcard? Model project? Share further ideas with John

10. New Business:

a. March 31 @ 7:00 pm Webinar: Defending your Property John Wilcox VMO speaker, P. Pines speaker, Jay Chopp, Home Hardening, Mary: send message out to council on what would be covered and ask for ideas

b. May 1 Wildfire Preparedness Day: TBD at February meeting.

11. Public Comment:

12. Council Comment:

a. Jane: shared a concern from the Grizzly Flats fire yesterday about residents receiving notification of fires.

b. Greg: Trying to run a business and create defensible space is difficult due to the rules about Burn Days. This item will be placed on the agenda for next meeting. In the meantime he will share his ideas with Council by email.

13. Good of the Order:

The next AFFSC Council meeting will be February 17, 2021 by ZOOM

The Executive Board will meet on March 3, 2021 by ZOOM.

John will send out a link.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

2021 Calendar:

March 31: Webinar: Defending your Property: The VMO, Defensible Space, Hardening your Home
May 1 : Wildfire Preparedness Day

AFFSC Monthly Schedule

1st Wednesday 7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
2nd Wednesday	Secretary sends out: Meeting call with Agenda and Minutes to Council members and Stakeholders
3rd Weds 7:00 pm	Monthly Council Meeting
4th Weds	Secretary sends out: Draft Minutes and Draft Agenda for next Council meeting to Executive Board
Monday before Exec. Board meeting	Exec Board Agenda sent out (John)
GFFSC meeting	1st Saturday 9:30 am at Grizzly Flats Community Church (Ed)
ORFSC meeting	4th Saturday 9:00 am at TBA

ACTION ITEMS

1. Jane will send newsletter to Council. John will provide email list.
2. Janet and Mary will write an article for the next newsletter on the Insurance Webinar
3. John will invite Mike Pinett, prospective Council member, to next Council meeting to introduce himself.

4. Council members should share any ideas they might have for Community Outreach with John
5. Spring Webinar: Mary will contact speakers and will send a message out to Council for ideas
6. Greg will send out an email with his concerns about Burn Days.
7. John will place Greg's item on the agenda

submitted by Secretary, Mary Elliott-Klemm