



MINUTES
Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council
February 19, 2020
7- 9 pm
Pioneer Park Community Center

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:00 pm
2. **Introductions** were made/Sign-up sheet circulated
3. Volunteers for **clean up** were solicited.
4. The **Agenda** for the February 19 meeting was approved. Motion Ken/2nd Jane.
5. **Minutes** of the January 15,2020 Council Meeting approved. Motion Greg/2nd Bonnie.
6. **Chair and Vice Chairs' Report:** Chair: John commented that the projector screen is up.**VMO:** The County is gearing up and is hiring one inspector. Will be focusing inspections for 2020 on: Sly Park/Starks Grade Rd, Johnston Garden Park (Georgetown area), and Lake Tahoe. The intent is to work with the homeowner. **PG&E** report from Rebecca Darrah: work has begun on Omo Ranch/Cedar Creek. (starting from outside and moving to the middle) Parcels are 32% done. The inspections will be completed by mid-April. A yellow x=removal. A yellow dot=pruning. Trees that are flagged are awaiting discussion with the property owner. Stump spot treatments to halt regrowth must have property owner's approval. Prime contractor is Mt. Firewood who has hired Bravo and Coastal. Wood is brought to Camino and Lotus sites, made into chips which are sent to Chinese Camp, Sonora, and Rio Bravo for Biomass Energy Generation. No profit is being made. Council **Volunteer Opportunities** note being sent by John soon.
ViceChair: Ed reiterated the importance of the 50% match for the grant that depends on the Time Sheets being returned.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Janet, John, and Ed are now officially signers for the checks. There is \$320.55 in the bank. For Grant reimbursements Council spends the money, then requests a reimbursement from EDC. Motion-Approved to accept the report. Ed/2nd Bonnie
8. **Information Items**
 - a. Agency Reports
 - i.EDCFSC: John Hess: 1. Feedback on the VMO is requested. 530-620-4663 or vegetation@edc.gov.us 2. CalFire brochures are available at Rescue Fire Station. 3. Chipping: 3 contractors are hired. Funds are available through this year. EDC is looking into new grants. 4. Forest Service-Be careful with burning. 5. Firewise USA Workshop on February 25- how to apply. 6. April 4: Annual fundraiser: Spaghetti Feed. Volunteers are needed. 7. Dumpsters: not recommended.
 - ii. ORFSC:They liked the Welcome Letter. Are experiencing turnover with Council positions. They offered fundraising help and would be happy to partner with us.
 - iii. GFFSC: Ed will attend their meetings.
 - b. Committee Lead Reports
 - i.By-Laws/PPManual: Some changes were made to the By-laws to reflect updates. to Article xii, Section 12.11 Keeping Records. The Council unanimously approved the changes. Motion made by Richard/2nd Greg. Policy and Procedures Manual: in progress

ii. Outreach Committee: Website: Gary reported that the site is ready to go live. Newsletter: Jane reported that it is written and awaiting editing. Mary reported "Are you Set?" is the question for our event on February 23. 1:00-3:00 at the Community Center. Alan Thompson will speak "Radio for the Rest of Us". There will be desserts and beverages, a Raffle, a Go Bag display and brochures. Next big event will be May 9 SAFETY DAY. The AFFSC Brochure is completed and published. Brochures from agencies have been collected.

iii. Grants: We are awaiting news from CCI (March). Project Manager for the Outreach Grant is Christine Cook-Mania. She will be reporting expenditures and time sheets on February 24.

iv. Defensible Space Committee: Richard Carlson shared that they completed 4 evaluations in February, had a committee meeting, and he sent the evaluations to Christine from Nov. 1-January.

v. Risk Assessment Committee: The **Firewise USA accreditation** has been granted to our FSC. **CWPP Neighborhood Workshop**: held February 15 and attended by 6/8 of the Neighborhoods with 12 new people attending. Everyone was brought up to date with the progress of the committee and Ken and Janet reached out to all for their neighborhood concerns. There was discussion about Community Assets that we want protected (like Mt. Aukum store). The input will be presented to the CWPP contractor. There will also be other opportunities for input. Ken will set up a meeting with the contractor. **FireWise Presentation** by Ken and Janet for other Councils: Tuesday, February 25 10-12 at Diamond Springs Fire Station. Our Council will host a "How To Write a FireWise Application" session. We should reach out to Kristine Beltrand to sign up.

vi. Fundraising: John will send out a targeted email to solicit volunteers focusing on a partnership with ORFSC and only doing ONE event. ORFSC will be having their fundraiser June 13.

10. **Old Business:**

a. Address signs: One recommendation of the Risk Assessment report was the need for more visible address signs. Thus, we will be advertising that the PFPD has them for sale.

b. Council Phone Number: Greg LaDeaux reported on a company that serves as a conduit for phone calls. He will ask the company if there are other people in the County using this service. He will also find out if the call can be identified as coming from the Council area. Chair John Hess put the item on the agenda for the March Board meeting.

c. CalFire certification for Evaluators of Defensible Space: no information yet.

11. **New Business:**

12. **Public Comment:** The refrigerator is very noisy and makes it difficult for audience to hear. Suggested that the refreshments be moved to a different area and the window closed to the kitchen. Fiddletown is forming a FSC.

13. **Council Comment:**

14. **Good of the Order:** The next AFFSC Council meeting will be March 18, 2020. The Executive Board will meet on March 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

2020 Calendar:

March 7: display at Thank-you dinner for Crab Banquet
March 16: CWPP contractor meeting
April 4: EDCFSC Annual Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser
April 11: display at PVFA Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
May 9: Safety Day: in cooperation with PFPD: READY! display
June 13: ORFSC Fundraiser
June 27: D'Agostini Amarado Festival: Display
October: Fire Prevention Month TBD

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 Indian Diggings School

Committee Meetings: Outreach : First Tuesday of each month; 3:00-4:30 pm

Barry Callenberger with Deer Creek Resources, CWPP contractor, has confirmed a meeting with AFFSC to review and discuss potential projects and CWPP status. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16th, 2:30 pm at Pioneer Hall. This will be a great opportunity to help inform the CWPP update as it relates to AFFSC as well as hear from Barry on the draft plan. I think it would be valuable for board members to attend if you are able. Just FYI, Omo Ranch FSC will be meeting with Barry prior to us at 1:00 p