



MINUTES  
Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council  
October 16, 2019  
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 October 16 meeting was approved. Motion Ed/2nd Dean.
5. **Minutes** of the September 18 Council Meeting approved. Motion Ken/2nd Dean.
6. **Chair and Vice Chairs' Report:** Ed Matwich, Vice Chair, reported on the website information shared by Oakhill FSC, who uses the Streamline Co. He found it very interesting and worth looking into further. Gary Clark, Outreach Committee, is also looking into it.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** The Statement from September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 shows an ending balance of \$305.92 in the account with a net loss of \$31.08. As of 10/16/2019 donations totaled \$314.86 with \$225 cash and \$89.86 in kind.  
A motion to accept the report was passed unanimously. Motion Greg/2nd Ed.
8. **Council Member Comments:** Greg La Deux asked if there had been any further discussion or scheduling of a presentation on sheltering in place in case we are unable to evacuate. John will put it on the Agenda for the next Board meeting for further action. Sandra Schwartz suggested that we create a Community Clean-up Day. John will agendize discussion of this suggestion for the Board.
9. **Information Items:**
  - a. Speaker: Jay Chopp from PPFSC: "Hardening your House: It is the little things that matter." Jay introduced the subject with a bit of background information: There are 46 million homes in over 70,000 communities within the Wildland Urban Interface Zone that are at risk for Wildfire. 51% of 350 single-family homes built after 2008 in the Camp Fire were undamaged. He recommended the you tube presentation: Living with Fire in the Tahoe Basin [youtube.com/watch](https://www.youtube.com/watch) Improved fire safety standards since the Chicago Fire in 1871 can make a big difference in whether your house is saved or not. 1. Covered gutters prevent embers from igniting leaves, etc. 2. Vents should be covered by no greater than 1/8" screen. Check out the Vulcan Vent website. For a vertical vent look into Brand Guard. If you do nothing else, change the ventilation vent. 3. Windows: Should be of tempered and double pane glass. Tempered glass is 4x more heat resistant. Most importantly, change the windows in sliders. And, of course, close the windows in a fire. 4. Decks: Be sure no embers can reach under the deck. Spray Phos-check over the deck when a fire is coming. 5. Roof: Gravel, tile, or metal are preferred. 6. Hard-scaping: 5' of gravel around the house. Vegetation should be 18" or less.
  - b. Agency Reports
    - i. EDCFSC: John Hess and Michelle reporting: Caples Fire actually ended up burning where the prescribed burn had planned and is now under control. Insurance Forum at Cameron Park CSD Center from 6-8pm on October 24. VMO: next July they will begin inspections in Cameron Park and EDH. Information will be in the Property Tax bills when there is a structure on the property. The PioneerFD ordinance is being con-

sidered and may address property along roads and undeveloped property. PG&E has aggressive goals to reduce vegetation under the lines in the next 8 years. There are 215 miles of roadway with lines. They will start in our area and are looking for problem areas first.

ii. ORFSC:Sheila: They are planning a January presentation regarding Large Animal evacuation . Richard suggested that we have questions to present to Shiva Frentzen who will be our November speaker.

iii.. South County Working Group: It was noted that Sandridge, Happy Valley, and Somerset need a FireSafe Council.

d. Committee Lead Reports

i.Policy and Procedures Manual: will be created by Board. Is important for grants, complying with federal regulations. John is working on a draft PPM which he will present to the Board.

ii. Outreach Committee: Subcommittees: Fire Prevention Week is being coordinated by Amanda Eskildsen at Pioneer Elementary School District with teaching activities and a poster contest. Bonnie and Julie offered to judge posters with Mary. Brochures, and a Survey are other sub-committees. The Neighborhood Liaison concept was discussed. Greg would like to be part of his Neighborhood Liaison effort. The Neighborhood Liaison concept paper , created by Susie Clark, was unanimously approved by the Council.(see addendum) Motion: Sandra S./2nd Dean.

Outreach Grant: deferred.

iii. Grants Committee: Dean Martucci introduced the “California Climate Investment” (CCI) which will use funds generated by the Cap and Trade auction program to reduce the threat of wildfires to homes and people, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and meet the needs of our Special Needs community. The focus will be on Fire Prevention Planning. Dean showed several slides about the Grant. His committee will be meeting to make plans.

iv. Defensible Space Committee: Richard Carlson reported that we will do a comprehensive evaluation. Ernie Lowry will be looking specifically for what his contractors can do as he evaluates the properties.

v. Risk Assessment Committee: The assessment, according to Ken Pimlott, follows the basic criteria as established by FireWise. We are using Placerville’s document as a model. The work group will be looking at properties to see if there is defensible space and it is maintained. Assessment of the area will be of 1000 parcels and of that a 20% sample will be done. This work needs to be updated every 3 years. October 26 will be Risk Assessment Day and will begin with a minimum of 16 people at 9:00 am for a windshield survey.John will advise Sheriff Steve W. and PFD Captain Mark Matthews of the group’s plans.

vi.Fundraising: We need a committee.

**10. Old Business:**

a.Paypal account: deferred

c. Clothing: deferred

**11. New Business:**

a. At Large Executive Board member: Concept approved by the Board. Ken Pimlott was nominated by Sandra Schwartz to fill this position. Passed unanimously by Council. Motion: Sandra/2nd Dean

b. Goals for 2020 : deferred

12. **Public Comment:** Michelle from ORFSC reminded everyone that they need volunteers for Emergency Medical responders and a quick response team to get little fires out before they get big. Sue Wilson from Fiddletown talked about the necessity of an alert system and a means of communication so that we all know when a fire is near and can access information. Some suggestions were to sign up for Code Red and also check on Twitter. She is going to be doing more research about this topic. John mentioned that our signs are being removed. He will talk to DOT and see how we might fit into the Sign Ordinance since we are not a business.

14. **Good of the Order:** The next AFFSC Council meeting will be November 20, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. Motion by Greg/Ed 2nd. Passed unanimously.

### **2019 Calendar:**

**October 19, Saturday 5:30-7:30: Fire and Wine Fundraising Event by PVFD at Saluti Winery**

**October 24, Insurance Forum 6-8 pm at Cameron Park CSD Center with Ricardo Lara, Insurance Commissioner.**

**October 26, Saturday 9:00 am: Risk Assessment Windshield Survey. Meet at Pioneer Park Community Center**

**November 12, Tuesday, 2:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting**

**November 20 Council Meeting: Speaker Supervisor Shiva Frentzen, Pioneer Park Center 7-9**

### **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)

### **AAFSC 2020 Goals**

1. Develop an AFFSC Annual Calendar with key dates.
2. Potential Events

FireSafe Council Neighborhood Liaison Concept: presented to Council for approval.

### FireSafe Council Neighborhood Liaison

Proposal: Establish a FireSafe Neighborhood Liaison and FireSafe Neighborhood Liaison Alternate for each community in the Aukum/Fairplay Fire Safe District.

The FireSafe Neighborhood Liaison will be a community outreach representative of the Aukum/Fairplay Firesafe Council. They will be a local contact for that neighborhood contacting residents with information about how to help the neighborhood become fire safe, be available to answer questions, to help evaluate neighborhood needs, to work with the Outreach Committee to develop materials and strategies to engage their neighborhoods to use the resources available to them, fill out timesheets, attend fundraisers, and to understand the importance of community when it comes to fire safety.