



## MINUTES

Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council

September 15, 2021

7- 9 pm

ZOOM Meeting

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair Janet Barentson at 7:05 pm. Attendees:, Janet, Mary Elliott-Klemm, Jane Taylor, Ed Matwich, Michael Pinette, Logan Lockhart, Ken Pimlott, Greg LaDeaux, Mike Davidson, Mike Cook, John Hess
2. The **Agenda** for the September 15, 2021 meeting was approved.
3. **Minutes** of the July 21, 2021 Council Meeting approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** approved
5. **Chair's Report:**
  - a. **Communication on the Caldor Fire:** Factual information was sent out to email contacts and on our FB site as well as to Somerset Community FB and Nextdoor Somerset. We discussed the importance and impact of this information.
  - b. Senator Dahle put out a request about unfunded projects and Janet sent him information about our grant requests that were not funded.
  - c. Fire Prevention Month: Board suggested we share sources of Fire Prevention on social media and our email list.
  - d. Commissioner Lara reached out to Ken P. and the community and came for a visit. Discussed his mitigation standards for insurability and the possibility of giving homeowners credit for fire prevention/defense that has been performed on their property. Good information sharing and informative of what FireSafe Councils do, including a lot of information sharing from Aurora. A visit to the Jenkinson Lake area provided a first hand look at how Fire Prevention work made a difference. He gave Ken several pamphlets including a *Residential Properties claim guide* and *Don't get Scammed*. Ken placed them at the P.O. offices. Janet would like to advocate a field trip to visit sites where fire prevention efforts were made.
6. **Vice Chair report:** Ed reported on his family's Code Red experience, which was followed by discussion. John suggested a tour of Grizzly Flats and meeting with their Fire-Safe Council to discuss what they have learned. Janet will set something up for later.
7. **Agency Report:**
  - a. EDCFSC: reported by Ken
    - i. approved fundraising policy
    - ii. Had discussion with various councils
    - iii. Grant cycle approvals:
      - a. Chipping program one million dollars (a County coordinated program)
      - b. no other projects submitted by county approved.

- c. Fire will provide new opportunities for funds.
    - d. Mark Egbert is looking for other funding avenues other than Cal Fire.
  - iv. Office of Emergency Services: Will discuss *Hazard Tree Removal* at next week's meeting.
- b. Grizzly Flats FireSafe Council: Tomorrow night will be their first meeting since the fire. Janet offered to help coordinate the use of Pioneer Community Center for their meetings, as well as anything that we can do to help them and make it easier.
- c. Sandridge FireSafe Council: At their meeting they discussed creating firebreaks. Tree removal is being performed by companies along power lines.
- d. PFPD: Early stages of the fire was discussed at the Community meeting. Chief Matthews sent out his letter to the community.

## 8. Activities Lead Reports

- a. Outreach Committee
  - i. Gary posted Janet's messages on the fire onto website. Probably needs to be reworked.
  - ii. Newsletter:
    - a. Jane got many ideas from tonight's discussion for the next news letter, coming in October.
- b. CWPP. Being presented to the Fire District Chiefs the 22nd, then goes to Forest Service, then BOS. Hope is that it will be done by end of year.
- c. FireWise application: Ken reports that he will need Volunteer Time Sheets data soon. Renewal coming up.
- d. Ad Hoc Grant Committee: reported by Mike Pinette
  - i. will see how fire affected what our projects were. Janet will make requests for data from County GIS including an overlay of our Council area.
  - ii. will work with other councils to coordinate, review, retool, and resubmit.
  - iii. Ken believes there will be money available this year so be ready. Engage Sandridge, Omo, Grizzly...
  - iv. Ken suggests that we look at the report of approved requests.
  - v. Janet will give Mike the names of the leads of the neighboring FireSafe Councils
  - vii. Pat Dwyer suggests that we get a draft proposal ready for discussion
  - viii. EDC is coordinating with the RCD and the Firesafe Council to apply for a FireSafe Coordinator position through the California FireSafe Council. An 18 month grant is available.
- e. Time Sheets: Ed will need to play with the program a bit more so that time sheets can be filled out online. In the meantime proceed as we have been doing. Deadline: get time through August to him by this week.
- f. Defensible Space Committee: All is up to date. Mike will send an article to Jane for newsletter
- g. Fundraising: John: two new address sign requests. Most orders are from out of the area. John will update the flier and send to Jane for dispersal on social media.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Pioneer School Project: Greg was in contact with Annette and Brandon in early August. He will hold a meeting with them again to iron out items needing further discussion. Janet will forward info on liability insurance issues to Greg. With the approved grant for chipping Janet suggested that there might be an opportunity to have a chipping day.
- b. Time Sheets: previously discussed.
- c. Future meetings: possibility of Zoom /In person meetings. Ed looking into camera equipment. Will try out the process at a Board meeting.

**10. New Business:**

- a. Need to assist other FireSafe Councils and support them in any way that we can.
- b. Outreach: covered earlier
- c. Fundraising at local wineries: Board approved looking at this further. Council interested in participating.

**11. Public Comment:**

**12. Council Comment:** Mike Cook: Has a speaker on how to deal with pine bark beetles. He will give Janet his name to be put on our list of future speakers.

**13. Good of the Order:**

The Executive Board will meet on Oct. 6, 2021 by ZOOM.  
 The next AFFSC Council meeting will be Oct. 20, 2021 by ZOOM  
 Janet will send out a link.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by Chair Barenston.

**2021 Calendar:**

**October: Fire Prevention Month**

**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 Wednesday 7:00 pm Monthly Council Meeting**
- 4th Wednesday Secretary sends out: Draft Minutes and Draft Agenda for next Council meeting to Executive Board**
- ~~**GFFSC meeting 9:30 am 1st Saturday at Grizzly Flats Community Church (Ed)**~~
- ORFSC meeting 4th Saturday 9:00 am at TBA**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Janet would like to advocate a field trip to visit sites where fire prevention efforts were made.
2. Fire Prevention Month: Board suggested we share sources of Fire Prevention on social media and our email list. No one assigned the task.
3. Tour of Grizzly Flats and meeting with their FireSafe Council: Janet will set this up for a later date.
4. Rework Caldor Fire information on website. No one assigned the task.
5. Newsletter coming out in October- Jane
6. Janet will make requests for data from County GIS including an overlay of our Council area and forward to Mike Pinette
7. Janet will give Mike P. the names of the leads of the neighboring FireSafe Councils
8. Everyone: Turn in Time Sheets through August to Ed by September 18.
9. Mike Cook will send an article to Jane about the Defensible Space Committee.
10. John will update the Address Signs flier and send to Jane for dispersal on social media.
11. Janet will forward info on liability insurance issues to Greg.
12. Greg will meet with Annette Lane and Brandon about Pioneer School project.
13. Ed will look into camera equipment for our meetings to allow Zoom capability.
14. Janet will inform Winery Association of our interest in their fundraiser.
15. Ken will write an article for Jane.

**submitted by Secretary, Mary Elliott-Klemm**