



MINUTES

Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council

June 17, 2020

7- 9 pm

ZOOM Meeting

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:06 pm
2. **Introductions** were made/Attendees: John Hess, Mary Elliott-Klemm, Ed Matwich, Ken Pimlott, Janet Barentson, Norman Ross, Sharon Ross, Greg LaDeaux, Richard Carlson, Sandy Rambach, Bonnie Porter-Kutzebue, Fire Chief Mark Matthews.
3. The Chair has noted that approval will be implied unless there is a specific objection due to this being a ZOOM meeting.
4. The **Agenda** for the June 17, 2020 meeting was approved.
5. **Minutes** of the May 28, 2020 Council Meeting approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Chair John Hess requested that the Treasurer's Report be moved to precede the Chair and Vice Chairs' report on this and future Agendas. The total fund balance is \$471.35. Janet worked with Richard to be sure that there were no problems with addressing the Address Sign checks. AFFSC is how they will be addressed. The Sign package was paid for out of the Outreach grant. We are awaiting a response from Maureen regarding the EDCFSC reimbursement fee. John suggested that the Budget be brought up for discussion at the next Board meeting.
7. **Chair and Vice Chairs' Report:** Chair: The renewal with EDCFSC has been submitted. The PP Manual will be sent out to Council for discussion and approval at the next meeting. Volunteer Waiver forms have been sent out to Council members. Vice Chair: due to technical difficulties Ed was unable to report.
8. **Information Items**
 - a. Agency Reports
 - i. EDCFSC: John Hess: 1. State bills AB2067 and SB292 were discussed. Both relate to Insurance issues. On June 15 there will be a Defensive Space Evaluator Training. John will send out a form later explaining 429 and the EDC Vegetation Management Ordinance. Chief Matthews reported that the County is getting their Team together on enforcement of the VMO and he will be bringing it to his Board for discussion. Consistency within the County will be important. At present the PFPD will utilize the same program as Cameron Park and EDH. They will be responding to complaints that are sent to them. Dick Carlson commented that his Evaluators will continue to inspect as requested by residents. CalFire only needs to know the number of inspections that they have performed. John has been elected to be on the EDCFSC Board and Steve Willis is the Chair. John will send out a document of the projects from EDCFSC. A grant for Chipping may be available to EDCFSC from PG&E. Pat Dwyer will take the 5 EDCFSC CCI proposals from last year and submit them for the 2020 CCI grant. Ours was

for Risk Assessment Planning. John suggests that we drop that and go directly to Roadway Management.

ii. PFPD: Chief Mark Matthews reported. Burning has been suspended. There are Board vacancies coming up. The office is now open from 9-3 T W Th. The Department is applying for 5 grants: communications, SCBA for air packs, JOA with Amador to consolidate purchasing of training and sharing resources. AFG for full time prevention officer and a Volunteer Safety grant. They will be opening a joint station at Fiddletown with Amador. The Department will be asking our Council to send a letter of support for a grant for a water tender in the District. He also asks us to check the PFPD website regarding the reason for requesting to change the District's name. Deputy Jack Kerruish has been assigned to be the Resident Deputy. Mark will give John his contact information.

b. Webinars: nothing to report at this time.

c. Committee Lead Reports

i. By-Laws/PPManual: mentioned in Chair's report

ii. Outreach Committee: Website: Gary reports that the website is averaging about 3 visitors a day during the last month. The Mail chimp account for email has collected 4 more email addresses which makes a total of 17 email addresses. No new survey responses. All information, meetings, and news items continue to be posted. Survey: Mary Hess has the survey ready to mail, but is working on getting the mailing process in order. Sandy is redoing the Tri-fold to send with the Survey. Neighborhood Liaisons: We may need to purchase more e-mails. John will follow up with Sandy and Gary. Brochures: Sandy has the updated Tri-fold ready to go. Display: Mary has materials collected to create a Ready Set Go display for events, etc.

iii. Grants: John and Sharon will talk about who will be putting information on the spreadsheets.

iv. Defensible Space Committee: Richard Carlson shared that 9 more evaluations were completed by the end of June. He will follow up on who wanted to be included in the Training. He knows of one or two people that have had positive responses from their Insurance companies because they had the evaluation. He will provide those stories for Gary to post on the website.

v. Fundraising: Residential Address Sign: The Sign set has arrived. We will make \$10 on each sign. Nine orders are already in. A flier will be made. Sharon will help with the signs.

vi. CWPP/Risk Assessment Committee: 1. A big thank-you to Greg for helping plant the Firewise signs. They are both up.- one at the south end of E-16 and one at Grey's Corner. Chief Matthews offered 2 additional sites if we get more Firewise signs. Janet commented that Reimbursement funds can be used for the purchase of signs. 2. A connection with Cedar Creek will need to be made . We need to do a Risk Assessment in the next couple of months for that area.

9. Old Business:

a. Council New members: Keep looking...

b. Clothing: Richard is working on requests for clothing for his committee. The Outreach Committee might also like clothing for events, etc.

c. Time Sheets: please turn them in.

d. Data for Zoom meeting: The cost is tolerable, but it's not free. It is about a gig per meeting.

e. Election: Council agreed via email to move forward with election and candidate slate provided by Election Committee. No official vote needed.

Addition to Council of Sharon and Norman Ross via email:

Nominated by Sandra, 2nd by Greg, 9 votes for, no dissenting.

10. **New Business:**

a. CA Fire Foundation: Radio for the Rest of Us. Bob responded to Ken's note that they do not need grant money for radios, etc. Bob is looking for good areas for a repeater. There are publicly available radios and people need to get a license. The Radio Club of EDC coordinates obtaining the radios. This would be one more tool. It is not intended to replace existing systems. We will have more discussions on how we proceed.

11. **Public Comment:**

12. **Council Comment:** Chief Matthews thanked the group for our support of the PFPD. He also commented that they anticipate being fiscally challenged this next year (due to the impact of COVID-19 and budget cuts). He shared that PVFA might let us use the Grange for our meeting (a much larger space and possibly more COVID-19 comfortable) He will check with Dan and Lynette. We agreed to have our next Council meeting be in person with masks. Ken and John will talk with Rebecca to see if we can work with PG&E representatives to do chipping for resident road crews as they work on their PG&E project. Bonnie commented that she went out and talked to the crews as they were working and they were happy to help her out. She also mentioned that Fire Lookouts are needed.

13. **Good of the Order:** The next AFFSC Council meeting will be July 15, 2020.(at a site to be determined- wearing masks) The Executive Board will meet on July 1, 2020 by ZOOM or another Virtual company. John will send out a link.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08.

2020 Calendar:

October: Fire Prevention Month TBD

AFFSC Monthly Schedule

1st Wednesday 7:00 pm

2nd Wednesday

3rd Weds 7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting

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

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~~