



MINUTES

Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council

September 16, 2020

7- 9 pm

ZOOM Meeting

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:10 pm. A quorum was not established until the end of the meeting. Action items were addressed when quorum was present. Attendees:, John, Mary Elliott-Klemm, Ed Matwich, Ken Pimlott, Janet Barentson, Richard Carlson, Sandy Rambach, Shiela Triebull, Greg LaDeaux, Danny Marquis, Mark Matthews
2. The **Agenda** for the August 19, 2020 meeting was approved without objections.
3. **Minutes** of the August 19, 2020 Council Meeting approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** was approved without objections.
5. **Chair's Report:**
 - a. Addressed current fire season.
 - b. Attended NRCS webinar regarding vegetation treatment programs available.
6. **Vice-Chair's Report**
 - a. Continues to work with Microsoft Teams as a no cost alternative to Zoom.
 - i. Will be testing at a meeting later in the week.
 - ii. May be used for the next AFFSC Board Meeting as a trial.
 - b. Attended Grizzly Flats meeting.
 - i. They are not moving forward on radio connections due to liability concerns.
 - ii. Homeowners with hard-wired (copper line) residential phone connections that have service interruptions can file a complaint with the Public Utilities Commission.
 - iii. Microsoft has announced that it will directly assist organizations whose computer service has failed after a fire with getting their computers back online.
7. **Agency Reports**
 - a. EDCFSC
 - i. Considering a Committee to address grazing for vegetation management.
 - ii. AB38 Chaptered.
 1. Requires property sold after 7/1/2021 to be under a local ordinance requiring defensible space.
 2. Requires seller to advise purchaser on unfinished home-hardening retrofits, to be defined by CalFire.
 - iii. Considering establishing other Committees
 - iv. Will continue monitoring PG&E tree removal efforts and delays.

- v. Chipping program has reopened.
- vi. Awaiting grant monies for its senior program.
- vii. Has unofficially heard that CalFire will not be offering CCI grants this year due to budget constraints.

b. PVFD

- i. Insurance Committee-sporadic meetings due to fire activity.
- ii. PVFD has sent equipment and staff to some of the State's large fires. Has had engines from outside the District provide cover.
- iii. PVFD Board Member has initiated an opportunity for community members to make donations to the District which benefit certain specific stations. PVFD will be providing a list of items needed by station.
- iv. District has acquired 3 portable water pumps funded by CFAA grant.
- v. Will take possession of a new water tender and administrative vehicle in December.
- vi. Received VFA grant for additional personal protective equipment.

c. ORFSC

- i. Will be holding outside meetings. Sept. 26, 9-11.
- ii. Look forward to meeting on grants efforts with AFFSC.

d. NCRS

- i. Danny Marquis from NCRS provided an overview of their programs for vegetation management.
 1. Where CalFire vegetation management programs focus on community-wide efforts, NRCS works with individual property owners.
 2. Costs reimbursed are based on average regional costs by prescription type
 3. NRCS does have local registered foresters to help write individual management plans.
 4. Funding and application requirements are set forth in the annual Federal Farm Bill.

8. Committee Lead Reports

a. Outreach Committee:

- i. Newsletter draft in review.
- ii. Continuing to work and refine the Neighborhood Liaison Program. Still looking for Liaisons for D'Agostini, Fairplay and Show case neighborhoods.

b. Outreach Grant:

- i. Nearing end. Goal to finalize all purchases by the end of September.
- ii. 3rd Quarter Reporting completed on schedule.

c. Defensible Space Committee:

- i. Continuing evaluations.
- ii. Have received and distributed AFFSC logo clothing items to evaluators.

d. Fundraising: Residential Address Sign:

i. Have sold 2 additional address signs, with 2 additional requests pending.

e. CWPP/Risk Assessment Committee:

i. Risk Assessment has been updated for 2020 to include Cedar Creek. Draft to Board Members for review.

1. ACTION ITEM: Board Members to review draft Risk Assessment.

ii. Will need to update Action Plan.

iii. Will need vegetation management hours by October 1.

1. ACTION ITEM: Vice Chair to accumulate vegetation management and community activity hours for inclusion into the Firewise 2020 Application by October 1.

f. Ad Hoc Grants Committee.

i. Met with Pat Dwyer regarding grants applications.

ii. Have identified that most successful grants included shaded fuel breaks in and around communities as opposed to single properties.

iii. Committee flushing out project descriptions and estimated costs.

iv. Letters of Commitment more important than letters of support.

9. Unfinished Business:

a. Council New members: Continued need.

b. Time Sheets:

i. All hours for vegetation management and meeting attendance are reportable.

ii. Discussed sending out a monthly email reminder.

1. ACTION ITEM: A monthly email reminder to submit AFFSC timesheets to the Vice Chair will be sent to community members.

c. VMO Update: nothing additional.

d. Fire Prevention Week

i. Proposal to provide tips on wildfire prevention and preparedness via Social Media.

1. example: Go BAGS

10. New Business:

a. GMRS has been identified as not being an official channel for emergency communications-considered Social Media.

i. OES will consider revisiting in 2021

b. Discussed options for future speakers

i. Pat Dwyer-Community Cleanup Days

ii. Growlersberg Vegetation Management program opportunities.

iii. Rebecca Darrah PG&E

iv. Insurance person

1. ACTION ITEM: John will survey the Board to determine priorities.

11. Public Comment:

a. Member looking for a cleanup day event. Deferred to later, after fire season and when air quality and weather is better.

- b. General Resources for community:
 - i. AlertWildfire.com- a site to view realtime cameras across the state.
 - ii. PurpleAir.com-realtime air quality information.

12. Council Comment:

- a. Be on lookout for opportunities at large events, such as community garage sales, where AFFSC could establish a booth.
- b. If Council or community have ideas about what AFFSC should be doing, either email chair or info@AFFSC.org

13. Good of the Order:

The next AFFSC Council meeting will be October 21, 2020.

The Executive Board will meet on October 7, 2020 by ZOOM. John will send out a link.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

2020 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 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

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submitted by Secretary, Mary Elliott-Klemm with assistance from notes taken by Janet Barentson.