



Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Council

Meeting Minutes November 10, 2020 - 7:00 pm Gold Ridge Forest Clubhouse

1. Roll Call & Sign In: Dominique Smith, Rich Wade, Pat Schoggins and Sherry Hawk. All other members completed the sign in sheet.

2. Approval of Agenda: Board Action Item Rich Wade motioned to approve the minutes. Pat Schoggins seconded. Motion carried.

3. Consent Minutes: Board Action Item Pat Schoggins motioned to approve the minutes. Rich Wade seconded. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer' Report: Pat Schoggins

- Beginning Balance: \$1,224.09
- Income:
 - Donations - 0
 - Reflective sign fundraiser - \$115.00
 - EDC FSC reimbursement \$114.13
- Expenses: \$224.19
- Ending Balance: \$1229.03

5. Greenbelt Report: Dominique Smith

- Good Neighbor project - Will commence as soon as weather cooperates. Greenbelt C-6 (between Onyx and Gold Ridge Trail) and C-10 (Between Amber and Topaz) will be the first to be completed. Please mark your property line in the back prior to the project if possible.
- CCC - May hire but we will not know until after Joe Garret completes. He will let us know of problem areas that would require their assistance.
- Forester and Timber Harvesting discussion - Robert Little is a professional forester we would like to work with to discuss the possibility of harvesting large stems in the Greenbelts to open up the canopy. We will reach out to him to discuss further.
- Vacant lot owners have received letters to meet Good Neighbor Policy and are responding.

6. Chairman Report: Sherry Hawk

- Announced Free Chipping Program ends Nov. 30th. Application GRF FSC website or EDC FSC website and click on chipping program.



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- Resource Conservation District C-20 Greenbelt update - If weather holds, the contractor may start at Park Creek Road but more than likely they will not reach C-20 (East of Pearl and Garnett) until Spring.
- USDA Grant Update - We have requested to renew our application with changes in 2021. With the Good Neighbor Policy project moving forward we could reduce the amount of acreage approx. 50 acres thereby reduce funding requested, which could help for a more positive result...AWARD.
- Stephens Grant update - Grizzle Flat and Sierra Springs were placed on the application instead of Gold Ridge Forest.
- NO CalFire Grants to apply for in 2020.
- Additional grants - "Education" "Roadside clearing" are coming up and we will move on those as so as we hear more. Recommended that we get together to decide what additional work we would like to do beyond the greenbelts.
- Meeting recordings and/or live feed - Not on EDC FSC agenda but hopefully it will be in January.
- GMRS communications - Coming in 2021 prior to fire season. The EDC Amateur Radio Club now plans to expand this to Pollock Pines, Sierra Springs and Sly Park Hills. Extensive training will be needed prior to start up.
- GRF Community Event - Sept. 13th - Over 100 residents attended, and many made new friends. Great presentations on GMRS communications and Home Hardening. Raffle went better than expected.
- CEDAPP's National Night Out - Oct 6th - Sherry Hawk attended and had a table with special fire safety booklets for kids and the fire simulation video for our area. Lots of agencies attended and had a great raffle and great activities for kids. We honored our first responders!!
- EDC FSC
 - PGE - I do have a PGE a rep we can reach out to if you have any questions.
 - CODE RED - Only notifies you when you need to evacuate. Fire near Volcanoville had a failure of CODE RED. Majority of the problem is that people have not set up the application.
- EDC Vegetation Management - Sherry man supplied feedback from the residences to the ordinance division and they will be meeting with her next week. Responses will be sent via email to the community and addressed at the next meeting.
- Rich Wade brought up that the area that is 0-5 feet from the home will now need to be cleared of any combustible items as of 2021. This includes flammable plants such as junipers and rosemary, wood piles, scrap wood and more. It is also understood that some home hardening items will be mandatory if you are selling the home. More information to come as it becomes available.

7. CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan): Rich Wade and Sherry Hawk - Rich submitted work that has already been completed east of Sly Park including Fire Adaptive 50, for the contractor to add to their maps. They were not aware so it will make a difference and refine the plan for our community.



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8. Community Input: Each attendee will have an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns for 5 minutes.

Residents asked about moving woodpiles closer to the home during the winter. A couple residents mentioned that the free senior program worked out well for them.

Robert Newmeyer introduced himself as new to the area having a company "The Weed Solution" to help with defensible space.

Resident asked about burning piles. Burning is still restricted until CalFire and Air Quality Management state otherwise.

Sherry mentioned putting together a volunteer group to help the seniors, veterans and disabled with defensible space.

Be sure to keep an eye on your junk mail for our emails. They many times end up there.

Reminder: We are still in need of a Secretary to complete meeting minutes each week.

9. Good of the Order: Pat Schoggins The next meeting will be January 12, 2021 @ 7:00 pm, GRF Clubhouse. Rich Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pat Schoggins seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm