

# Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council

## Minutes of February 27, 2021 Teleconference Board Meeting

Meeting called to Order at 10:03 by Robert Carlyle, Vice Chair.

Those in Attendance: Yvonne Vaucher, Chair; Robert Carlyle, Vice Chair; Gina Aven, Financial; Cecelia Borland, Sec'y; Mike Pique; Linda Thorne.

Visitors: Capt. Dean Kowalski, CalFire; Bill Leininger, CERT.

Announcements: None

Minutes of October 24, 2020, December 15, 2020, and January 23, 2021 approved unan.

Financial as of 1/31/21: Cash - \$6117.12

    Restricted Cash -13,260.00

    Total Cash -19,377.12

    Taxes have been filed. GA

Insurance: From Hillary Erickson: "Let's not use the word SLIP anymore It is a special brand name with a different carrier and I don't want to cause confusion because it is not a normal, standard term for a type of coverage. You have General Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage to others, and you also have Public Officials Liability which includes wrongful acts of the board as well as Employment Practices Liability (harrasment, discrimination, etc.).

You do not have an accident and sickness policy; we are getting it quoted.

Volunteers, including board members if they are included in the application, would be covered by an accident and sickness policy . Accident and sickness policies are really designed for volunteers. If you choose to buy a work comp policy, you would have to assign a payroll to them even though they are unpaid. Usually this is just minimum wage but depending on what class code they went in, it could be quite expensive. The majority of districts do not cover their volunteers with workers comp". GA will follow up.

Fund Raising: No update. LT will send donor list to CB.

Cal Fire: Construction project going great guns; retaining wall footing is dug adding 6 - 10 ft of width to E side access. There has been good support from the facilities maint. dept.

Plowing of the driveway should be responsibility of Cnty Rd (Btn Chiefs) RC volunteered to help as necessary.

Snow days have been a big problem when CHP/Sheriff not managing traffic. Visitors obstructing State Park Rd made fire dept access for med call impassible and in spite of STAT call from DK it took over an hour for firefighters to reach pt. with fracture. DK suggests that residents and community leaders should make their concerns known to CHP/sheriff dept.

SD Cnty Fire Authority: Some discussion about using a Hi-Lo siren to warn residents to evacuate; residents would need to be educated. CalFire trucks have said siren but do not use. Do Sheriff cars have it? Alan Serry will ask.

PMPO: Cnty has \$ from AirBnB taxes which could be used for land acquisition, community center improvement and other projects designed to attract more tourists. Mike Appeman will spearhead writing proposal to acquire said \$.

PMPO Newsletter articles should be sent to Glenn Borland by mid-April (pmpoinfo.org)

New resident tags in progress.

USFS: No report

Supervisors Community Sponsor Group: See PMPO, Mike Appelman.

PMVFD/PMCFA: No Report

CCPM: No Report

FSCSDC: No new info.

Active Grants: CCI - Cheyenne Borello (Cal Fire Forester), CB, RC toured and assessed proposed grant activity area. CB will write "Permission to access" form for property owners to sign and send them to all APN's in Birch Hill/East Crestline area.

NRP - Dumpster scheduled for Mar. 6/7 and 13/14, space and weather permitting. CB will post on Community Bulletin Board, PO, and Bonnie mail. Knox boxes for gates - cb will find out how many homes on Panorama Trail (4), Mendenhall Valley (5), Upper Meadow Rd(2), Conifer Rd, Palomar Vista (4). Discussion re: cost, mounting; YV will write in next grant.

Admin: CB to sent 2020/2021 minutes to Bonnie for posting on website.

Next meeting 3.27.21 by Zoom

Adjourn: 11:34 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecelia Borland