

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council

Minutes of December 11, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 10:00 am by Boardchair, Yvonne Vaucher

Those Present: Yvonne Vaucher (YV); Robert Carlyle, Vice Chair (RC); Gina Aven, Treasurer (GA); Cecelia Borland, Sec'y (CB); Katie Michelmores (KM); Mike Pique (MP); Denise Yaeger (DY); Rob Dowell (RD).

Absent: Mike Wilson (MW), Linda Thorne (LT)

Guests: Btn Chief Cody Eaves (CE), CERT Program Manager Bill Leininger (BL), Sta 79 Capt Dean Kowalski (DK), Palomar Mtn Community Fire Association Pres., Cliff Kellogg (CK), Community Member Eddy Riener (ER).

Announcements: None

Minutes: Approved as corrected

Financial Report: Cash	\$5,696.81
Restricted Cash	\$0.00
Total Cash	\$5,696.81

Fund Balance (9/30/21)	\$8,013.81
Income/(Loss)	(\$2,317.00) Dumpster, Insurance
Ending Fund Balance	\$5,696.81

Opened savings acc't at CA Bnk and Trust. Deposited \$42,280.00 restricted CCI grant + \$280.00 Cal Fire CCI indirect payment for volunteer admin. hours.

Insurance: Accident covers everybody; Gen'l Liability covers Board members (renewed).

Fund-raising: LT will print solicitation packet and send to San Diego Foundation (SDFoundation.org), SD Cty Fire Foundation (Frank Alt/Joan Jones). RC will revise Palomar resident fund raising letter and will send to PO Boxes by Every Door Mail (MP)

Cal Fire: 3.0 staffing in place.

Fires on East Grade and Pauma Valley CC Condo - both well and quickly controlled.

New crew quarters progressing slowly; maybe available by spring '22?

New Rincon building to start in April.(CE)

3rd party contractor has been hired to plow driveway, though now that the concrete is poured, maybe cnty road can do it. (RC)

Snowdays meeting: law enforcement/CHP (lead agency responsible for chain check/parking/limited access) very supportive but resources quite limited. Ideally, 2 @ foot of S Grade and 2 @ big turn out to put on chains. CHP is aware of new red resident placards. (KM)

SD Cnty Fire Protection District: Has \$25M grant for home hardening in SE Cnty low income areas.

AB1103 has passed (Ag Pass). County will facilitate, allowing livestock owners early access to properties after fires to care for animals but it may take a year to organize. (CK/CB)

Evac plan stalling. Board liability if we prepare a 1 page flier with basic evac info? Sheriff is responsible for notifying VRBOs of evac. warning/order.

Fire Advisory Board: Community paramedic program moving forward with Cnty Bd of Supervisors.

SDGE has \$50K for long term,USFS approved, clear, fire retardant (good 6 mo). (CK)

PMVFD: Land donation stalls.

Upgrade of Community Center planned for 2022; management/maint. is being explored.

CERT: Trailer continues to be stocked; need title transfer to cnty.(CK)

Jan 22 preparedness outreach here on Palomar. T/P TBA.

FSCSDC: No cost chipping available on Palomar.

Supervisors Community Sponsor Group: No issues. No meeting.

PMPO: Next meeting March 5, 2022. (MP)

USFS: 104 ac cut/piled behind Palomar Station. 18 ac @ Mile 6 E Grade completed. Jeff Valley Firebreak below Birch Hill partly done; to be completed 2022 and burned when dry. 53 ac piles burned SE Palomar Divide. (Clint Greene report)

Active Grants: CCI - Need volunteer hours from CB. Stumpmasters ready to work - \$ in bank.

RC and DK to tour and mark trees in Birch Hill/Crestline area.

Quarterly report 12.31.21 due 1.31.22.

Potential Grants: NRP 2021-2022 (10 dumpster weekends, 10 chipping weekends, 36 barricade kits, 8 evac signs/lights). (YV)

Cal Fire Fire Prevention Program application due 2.9.22 (Hazardous fuel reduction/fuel break/chipping/GSOB tree removal/selective thinning/ladder fuels/veg clearing in critical areas. South edge of S7; private property/no structures are most important. (DK)

Website: Working on content. (DY)

Admin: Meetings to be posted on Nextdoor (KM), PO/Community Bulletin Board (CB)

New Business: Community Member (ER) asked questions re: fire ring safety in State Park. He was referred to State Park and USFS admin about safety standards for those areas.

Adjourn: 12:14 (RC/CB) Unan. Next meeting 1.22.22, 10:00 am via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecelia Borland, Sec'y