



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, March 24, 2018

LOCATION: Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station, 5900 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Gary Green, Bill Robertson, Carole Meredith, Joanne Sutro, Greg Holquist

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 24, 2018 meeting were approved with no changes

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

After action review of projects: There has been no further progress on the After Action Report.

Proposal to improve base of LAR1: The base of LAR 1 is sharply angled and inclined such that it cannot be easily entered from the north. A proposal to modify the base so that it can be entered from both the north and the south been written. Joe has spoken to Barry Biermann about it and Biermann does not want to support it as a high priority because he does not want to take money from other public works projects. However, he might be more favorable if we raise the money ourselves. It was also suggested that the Brandlin driveway off Mt. Veeder Road should also be improved since it is also an important access point to the Old Ridge Road.

CWPP: All the signatures have now been obtained. Chief Martin wants an electronic copy of the final version.

NCFF: There was no NVFF board meeting this month.

Administrative assistance: Joe's administrative assistant at Ascent could help him with his work for MVFSC and thus enable him to accomplish more on behalf of MVFSC. It was moved and approved that Ascent will provide administrative support to MVFSC at a maximum of 10 hours per month, not to exceed \$5,000 for the remainder of 2018. We will add a budget line 712.5 for Administrative Assistance.

Payment mechanisms for donations: It would be useful to have a swipe device for obtaining donations at events. DCLVFD already does this for the Home Winemakers Classic, but it was agreed that the financial logistics of sharing this mechanism with MVFSC would be complicated. The topic was tabled until a later date.

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (Greg Holquist):

Wall Road: This project is not complete because it had been underway for only 2 weeks when it was suspended because of the October 2017 fire.

Redwood Road: This small project will be done later in 2018.

PG&E Fuel Reduction Program: This new program has unlimited funds. The goal is to put a 30-foot right-of-way along all distribution lines. But a lot of the lines are on private property and PG&E has limited authority. The actual extent of the work will be worked out with each property owner. Greg Holquist will be in charge of the North Coast counties. The MVFSC could leverage this by following up with its own project after the PG&E work has been performed. Greg would like to start on Wall Road in conjunction with the new PG&E program.

In response to a question raised at the last meeting, Greg explained that the \$18,000 check from Cal Fire was for Family Tree, Western Forestry Consulting and also reimbursement to MVFSC for CEQA costs.

ACTIVE FUNDING:

Napa County Roads: The proposal to modify the bottom of LAR1 has been submitted to Ryan Gregory.

PG&E: Proposals to construct shaded fuel breaks along LAR2, 3 and 5 have been submitted

California Fire Safe Council: A proposal is in preparation. The deadline is April 20.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Gary Green):

The checking account balance on 2/28/18 was \$49,723.06. A check for \$18,000 was subsequently received from Cal Fire and payments of approximately \$19,000 were made. So the true balance is \$48,526.96 plus \$10,025.71 in the reserve account.

Gary reported that he is working on getting the mvfsc.org domain back.

OLD BUSINESS:

October 2017 fire: Gary Green reported on his phone conversation with Barry Biermann about some residents who have complained about the way the October fire was managed. Gary has spoken with some of them and Biermann said he will write something for Gary to post on Nextdoor. Gary also reported that Diane Dillon wants to set up a public meeting with residents and Biermann.

Neighbors in Need: We have received an application but there is some question as to whether his house burned down, in which case he is not eligible for the program. Greg Holquist said he would inspect the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

KQED radio program: Both Joe Nordlinger and Carole Meredith were contacted by Erika Kelly from KQED about participating in a radio program about the fire, to be broadcast on April 8, the 6-month anniversary. Carole has agreed to participate.

Pancake Breakfast May 6: Gary Green will put the road signs up. Confirmed speakers are Meghan Reeves (Cal Fire), Emma Chow (NCRD), Diane Dillon (Napa County Supervisor) and Matthew Davis (homeowner who built ignition-resistant house). Bill Robertson and Dean will take care of the food.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 28, 9 am

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