



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, September 22, 2018

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

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Bill Robertson, Roger Provost, Jeff Enos, Paul Woodward, Carole Meredith, Greg Holquist (project manager), Michelle Schimke, Brad Allen

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 25, 2018 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

Diane Dillon: Joe talked with her and discussed our outreach project. He told her to expect an invitation to a meeting of local officials. They also discussed the PACE program and access/egress points to the Old Ridge Road. Regarding modifying the bottom of LAR1 to allow access from the north, Dillon suggested contacting Ghilotti Brothers Foundation. Joe is writing a proposal to send to them.

100 Women Who Care About Napa County: MVFSC was chosen as one of three non-profit organizations to make 5-minute presentations to this group on August 30. Joe and Carole attended and Carole made the presentation. We did not win but we did receive checks totaling \$350 from several individuals.

California Fire Safe Council grants (CFSC): Joe submitted 2 applications, one for \$70,000 to supplement the Bald Mountain project funded by CFPG and one for \$60,000 to augment the Community Outreach funds from CFPG. Joe made a template for CFSC grant applications so that we can easily prepare new submissions in future years.

In addition to requesting additional support for the Community Outreach project, Joe wants to also submit a CFSC proposal requesting additional funding for the Bald Mountain shaded fuel break. The deadline for proposal submission is August 30. Joe has requested letters of Commitment from Carol Rice, Esther Mandeno and Lisa Warner in order to estimate the total matching funds.

Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFW): Tom Vreeland asked Joe and two others to help NCFW. Joe told him he would be willing to help other Fire Safe Councils by training them how to apply for money and use the template concept. He will work

with Carol Rice on this. Joe wants to make sure that MVFSC gets attribution for this service to other Fire Safe Councils.

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT (Greg Holquist)

LAR 5 (PG&E funds): The track chipper has arrived on site.

Wall Road (SRA funds): Will be starting on Monday 9/24. The Family Tree crews that were working for PG&E are returning to our projects on 9/24 and they will finish by the end of the year.

Enchanted Hills: Tony Fletcher is grateful for the work we did there last year. He wants more work done. We need to decide what funds to use for this. NCF? Or maybe Neighbors in Need money?

TREASURER'S REPORT (Gary Green not present):

The checking account balance on 9/13/18 was \$47,832.83 and the money market savings balance was \$10,035.03. We will need to add a line for the California Fire Safe Council funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

4515 Dry Creek Road: Family members came to the meeting with regard to our conducting a fuel reduction project on this property on Dry Creek Road. Joe described our past and proposed projects and showed them on a map.

Firewise Community application: Jeff Enos is still waiting to learn the status of our previous application.

Neighbors in Need: Greg will work with two residents with current projects.

CWPP: We have multiple original signature pages. Those signatures have been cut and pasted onto a single signature page but it was agreed that this is of questionable propriety. Carole will scan each of the original signature pages and add them to the main CWPP PDF file.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dozer trails: Jeff Enos will talk with Jason Martin about our incorporating dozer trails into our projects. Our CWPP includes legacy fire roads, so that would seem to include dozer trails.

Dropbox account: Carole Meredith will establish a Dropbox account where we can store documents like our CWPP and grant proposal components. The files should be PDFs that are not editable. The whole board will have access to view the documents but only a limited number of people will have administrator status to add documents.

Additional projects: We need to identify additional projects because more money may become available. One possible project is the old stagecoach road on the Chamberlain property. Also, a resident has asked for help who is willing to pay but has been unable to get a crew.

Bridge assessment and improvement: Is this something we can take on? A number of residents have bridges across creeks to access their homes and they must meet a size and capacity standard if engines are to cross them.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:20 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 27, 9 am, DCL Fire Station 5900 Dry Creek Road