

Alpine Fire Safe Council

Approved Minutes
January 28, 2008
6:00 pm, Woodfords Fire Station

The meeting of the Alpine Fire Safe Council was called to order by David Griffith, Chair, at 6:00 pm at the Woodfords Fire Station, Markleeville, CA 96120.

Present:

David Griffith	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jerry Andrews	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Shirley Taylor	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Steve Yonker	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Jeff Brees	Coordinator	Markleeville Resident
Kerry Radelfinger	Administrator	Woodfords Resident
Buck McClelland (6:10pm)	Woodfords Fire Chief	Woodfords Resident

Absent:

Kim Chatfield	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident
Don Jardine	FSC Board	Markleeville Resident
Al Moss	FSC Board	Woodfords Resident

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

III. Approve minutes of January 2nd meeting.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker Second: Jerry Andrews

IV. Volunteer Time Sheets

V. Old Business

- a. Update on proposed plan of action for a water supply for fire fighting purposes in the Mesa Vista/River Ranch area.
Griffith said that he sent a cover letter to Al Moss for the Fire Safe Council's support of the 10-year plan for water supply in the Mesa Vista/River Ranch area put together by the Woodfords Fire Department

Water Supply Subcommittee. Griffith said Moss was going to present it to Supervisor Gunter Kaiser who would be putting the item on the agenda for the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Brees distributed a draft letter for property owners updating them on the status of the water supply issue.

Griffith suggested that Brees call Moss to see when the item will go before the Board of Supervisors, so that the meeting date can be included in the letter to property owners.

b. Update on status of the Burn Pile.

Brees reported that the Burn Pile will remain at Turtle Rock Park as a collection site, though it is not decided if the pile will be hauled away or chipped. Brees said Dennis Cardoza, Public Works Director, received quotes on chippers, which were very costly. Brees said he received quotes for hauling the pile and the costs would be comparable to what they are paying now, factoring in the volunteer hours. Brees said if the pile was hauled, residents would dump their material into a 50-yard dumpster. Brees said that the Department of Public Works has agreed to take over the program. Brees said there are some funds remaining from the 2005 RAC grant for the Burn Pile and they may be able to help Public Works with signage or in some other way. Griffith said that the Fire Safe Council can stay involved with the Burn Pile by encouraging the Department of Public Works to keep the Burn Pile accessible for residents and giving Public Works the political support at the Board level when needed. Shirley Taylor suggested the Fire Safe Council continue to send out the postcards to residents notifying them of dates for the Burn Pile. It was agreed that the Fire Safe Council would continue to send out announcements.

Brees distributed a draft course of action for the pre-planning and assessment program and requested feedback from the Board. Jerry Andrews questioned what neighborhoods would be included in the program. Brees said it would include West Fork Lane, both Manzanita Lanes, Douglas Way in Hope Valley, and an area on the bench in Markleeville. Brees said he will get together with Buck McClelland, Woodfords Fire Chief, to identify the areas with poor access issues to send the letters. Brees would like to see neighborhood meetings with representatives from the local Fire Departments, Fire Safe Council, and possibly the Forest Service to identify problems in that neighborhood and find solutions and possible funding sources through the Fire Safe Council. Brees will send out the letters to property owners by the February meeting.

New Business

c. Appointment of a Board Committee to make recommendations for directors to fill the two year terms that will be vacant after the March meeting.

Griffith said that the terms of Kim Chatfield, Al Moss and Steve Yonker will expire in March. Griffith said Chatfield has stated he will not be re-running next term. Griffith said they need to form a committee to make recommendations to the Board to fill the vacancies. Griffith, Andrews and Taylor agreed to work together to come up with recommendations before the next meeting.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve grant applications to the State Clearinghouse of the California Fire Safe Council.
Brees said he will resubmit the application for the Coordinator grant through the State Clearinghouse. Brees asked the Board if they would like submit an application for a demonstration garden for defensible space landscaping. Griffith questioned whether there was a County owned property that would work for the project. Brees said Turtle Rock Park might be a possibility, as there was some work needed there. After some discussion, it was agreed to hold off on the grant application at this time. Brees will resubmit the Coordinator grant application.
- e. Discussion of a draft budget for 2008.
Brees asked the Board what they would like to see for a 2008 budget. Brees said the County will need a budget for the Title III funds. It was agreed that Brees will create a Title III budget which will include the Hot Springs Road Evacuation Plan, Fire Day event, Wildfire Pre-planning and Assessment, and school education program.

Shirley Taylor questioned whether the Fire Safe Council would be required to complete a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest. Griffith said the Fire Safe Council was a private, non-profit organization and shouldn't be required to complete the form.

- f. Staff Reports.
Kerry Radelfinger said she had completed and sent out the 1099 forms for the IRS.

Brees distributed the Northern Nevada Plant Guides. Brees received about 150 of the guides. The CD version is available in the education packets. Griffith suggested giving the Board of Supervisors a copy of the guide in their packets.

Brees said he will be meeting with Terry Woodrow on February 5th to finalize the Bear Valley Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP.)

Brees said the RAC committee was dissolved. The funds that haven't been committed will go back to the government on September 30th, 2008. Brees said Franklin Pemberton, Forest Service, is trying to get authorization to award the remaining funds to the Fire Safe Council.

Brees said Governor of California has proposed a property surcharge for firefighting based upon property insurance premiums. The initiative would restore funding for CalFire Stations and Conservation Camps that were to be closed. Brees will keep the Board updated on the status of the initiative.

Brees said he completed the Title III performance report for the 2006 grant funds for the County. He will email the Board the report and send it to the County along with the budget for the 2008 Title III funds.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Set next meeting at Markleeville Fire Station at 6:00 pm on Monday February 25th 2008.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Steve Yonker

Second: Jerry Andrews

All ayes. Motion carried.