



The Mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire

Minutes – November 5, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Leoni Meadows

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Mark Almer.
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Roy Rodgers
- 3) Roll Call – the sign in sheet was passed around by Secretary Pro-Tem Almer. Members of the public included Susan Kim-Almer, Paige Girardi, Claire Girardi, Deirdre Girardi, Pat Olson & Patrick Baireuther
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer – Robin Kelley volunteered to be the timekeeper.
- 5) Approval of the November 5, 2022 Agenda – Kelly Krohn motioned and David Manske seconded the approval of the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the October 1, 2022 Minutes – Robin Kelley motioned and Kelly Krohn seconded the approval of the Minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robin Kelley reported the current balance is \$53,398.76. Included in the total balance is an anonymous donation in the amount of \$5961.94 that was sent via the El Dorado Community Foundation. Robin has also submitted a reimbursement request for \$435 from Title III funds.
- 8) Public Comment – There were no Public Comments.
- 9) Council Member Comments – Chairman Mark Almer reported that Eileen Strangfeld has resigned, but may rejoin when she moves back into the community. Mark also noted there will not be a December meeting and the January, February and March meetings will be via Zoom due to unpredictable weather.
- 10) **Agency Reports**
 - A. BOS District 2 Supervisor - not present
 - B. Pioneer Fire Protection District – Chief Dave Whitt reported (report given after Agenda item 13):

1. Fire Season his winding down and the burn ban has been lifted.
 2. Tribal Fire is helping staff Pioneer Fire Protection District station 38.
 3. Apparatus is still out for repair.
 4. The District's insurance cost has tripled. Two Nevada County Fire Districts have closed due to insurance issues.
 5. Burn permits are available at Station 38. Permits for piles larger than 4'x4' can be obtained at El Dorado County Environmental Management.
- C. El Dorado County Department of Transportation – not present
- D. Grizzly Flats Community Services District – not present
- E. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – not present
- F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory reported:
1. The EDCFSC met on October 19
 2. A list of contractors for the Hazardous Tree Mitigation Grant has been compiled to work on wording for Request for Proposals. The homeowner application process will likely start February 1.
 3. The Greater Placerville/Weber Creek Fire Safe Council received a grant for home hardening. About 525 structures will be hardened. It is a CAL FIRE demonstration project.
 4. CAL FIRE AEU's fire plan is being updated.
 5. The Chipping Program is still open and they still have plenty of funds available. Two requests per year are accepted.
 6. Twenty-seven homes were destroyed in the Mosquito Fire. The phone tree worked very well for the evacuations but it continually needs to be updated.
- G. California Highway Patrol – not present
- H. U.S. Forest Service – not present. Chairman Almer reported that he, David Manske and Ernie Lory had a Zoom meeting on October 20 with District Ranger Scot Rogers and Daniel Smith (USFS Caldor Fire Recovery Team). We discussed the following:
1. Replacement USFS Road Signage/Routes out of the Community
 - a. Need for USFS signage, basic direction leading to main highways
 - b. Possibility for Stevens Authority grant to fund the signs
 - c. Mark wrote a paragraph that Ernie can present to the EDCFSC for possible Title III funding
 - d. District Ranger Scot Rogers will discuss with the EDCO Office of Wildfire Resiliency.
 2. Scot Rogers checked on the status of the road repairs on Capps Crossing and Leoni Roads. The project dropped off the radar after the Caldor Fire but they will keep everyone informed on the issue.
 3. Tree Removal along Leoni and Capps Crossing Roads
 - a. They will be clearing 200-500 feet back on each side of the roads.
 - b. They are starting at North-South Road (higher elevations) and working towards Grizzly Flats.
 - c. Reforestation work will occur (approximately) 2024.
 - d. The Placerville Ranger District has been able to make great strides in quickly working through the processes that normally take a lot longer

- e. \$15-20 million in funding has been released to the USFS for work in the District
- f. Other burnt tree removal and restoration will begin just east of Grizzly and then working east.
- 4. Administration Site in Grizzly Flats
 - a. The USFS will be conveying land to the school district, which will be a little larger than the school site was previously.
 - b. The USFS plans on rebuilding the Admin site, but it will be years out.
 - c. The slash piles that are currently on the site will be burned but they're not sure if it will be this winter.
- 5. They stated they will try and be more transparent with the public about their projects.
- 6. The GFFSC wrote a letter of support for the USFS on a grant application.
- I. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit - not present.
- J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils
 - 1. Aukum/Fairplay – not present
 - 2. Omo Ranch – Shiela Triebull reported:
 - a. The ORFSC will be having a Potluck and enrichment at their November 20 meeting (9-11am; 12pm potluck) at Indian Diggings School.
 - b. They plan to do Zoom meetings in January and February due to weather unpredictability.
 - c. The joint- South County FSC grant will start in the spring.
 - d. The Winery Signage group had their second meeting. They are looking for someone who has computer skills. The group consists of 12 people, with 7 active participants.
- K. Long Term Recovery Group – not present

11) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer reported there are still have vacancies on the Council.
- B. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske reminded everyone to please turn in their timesheets. Meeting times count for the Firewise renewals besides work done on your property.

12) New Business

- A. New Member Deirdre Girardi appointment – Deirdre introduced herself and described why she would like to join the GFFSC. Robin Kelley motioned and Charlene Ank seconded to approve the membership of Deirdre. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Appointment of Secretary – Mark Almer reported Deirdre Girardi volunteered to fill the Secretarial position. Kelly Krohn motioned and Charlene Ank seconded to have Deirdre Girardi fill the Secretarial position. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Board Member At Large Position – Mark Almer reported Jennifer Hibbard stepped off from the Board Member at Large position due to time constraints. She may reconsider

when elections are held in June, 2023. The Executive Board decided not to backfill the position in the interim.

13) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education - Mark Almer reported he authored a two-page mailer that will be mailed out in the Grizzly Flats Community Services District billing at the end of November. It contains various topics. The base price of the copying would have been over \$700, but FedEx Office gave us a non-profit rate with a 50% discount.
- B. Defensible Space – Defensible Space Chair Robin Kelley reported she conducted a Defensible Space evaluation on Sand Ridge Road. The property was perfect! The homeowner took several steps to create defensible space and harden her home. Ernie Lory reported that the Senior, Veterans and Low-Income program has defensible space advisory inspections and many of those property owners have also done a great job. Shiela Triebull suggested that the GFFSC produce a calendar with photos of properties with great defensible space.
- C. Grants – Grants Manager Ernie Lory reported:
 - 1. The GF-18 Caldor Roadside Shaded Fuel Break is virtually complete, and the contractor will start on the two private properties.
 - 2. Ernie introduced Claire Girardi, who works for the El Dorado Resource Conservation District. Claire gave an update on properties that are now being worked on. Pat Olson commended the work being done and is very happy with process.
- D. Fundraising – Robin Kelley reported David Manske is still doing the reflective address signs. She has been attending with Winery Signage meetings. Hopefully the signs will be up in March 2023. She appreciates the camaraderie. Kelly Krohn inquired if the GFFSC is planning on doing a BBQ in 2023. Staffing and location is an issue. Serious discussions have not occurred. Robin discussed the on-line auction that ended the day before the Caldor Fire evacuation in 2021, raising \$1000. Olivia Moreno inquired about the status of the Community Center. The South County Alliance met with Congressman McClintock’s office to garner support for obtaining a site on USFS land. They are also looking at properties at Grizzly Flat/Old Nail Roads. They have \$300,000 in funds. Kelly Krohn inquired about GFFSC shirts. Mark Almer reported the shirts are \$22 and to let him know if they’re interested in purchasing one, along with their shirt size.
- E. Website – Jennifer posts the minutes/agendas and Mark has placed new items on the “carousel” part of the website. Mark primarily maintains the Facebook page.

14) Public Announcements –

- 1. Mark Almer reported there are spots available to join the eDispatches alerting service. He passed around an informational sheet on eDispatches and asked anyone interested in joining to contact him.
- 2. Liz Lawless reported the PVFA is hosting its annual Christmas Party and breakfast on December 10 at the Fireman’s Hall.
- 3. Kelly Krohn described a rebate program that is available through P,G&E for smart thermostats and generators. Star Walker at the County of El Dorado has all the details, as does the P,G&E website. She also reported that the new El Dorado Community Health Center is having a grand opening on Saturday, November 12 from 1-3pm.

4. Robin reported that Ernie Lory is donating a tree for Christmas. She received permission to put the tree up at the school site. Robin will also speak to Bronte Lukanish for permission to use her property as an alternate site. She has acquired the solar lights for the tree and all are in working order.
5. **For the Good of the Order – none**
6. **Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn at 10:46am was made by Mel Kelley, with a second by Liz Lawless. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chairperson/Secretary Pro-Tem