



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

DRAFT Minutes- September 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m.-
Meeting Location: Zoom

- 1) Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Almer
- 2) Flag Salute – The flag salute was conducted by Deputy Kris Kersmarki
- 3) Roll Call - The attendance was taken by Chairperson Almer
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer – The time keeping volunteer was David Manske
- 5) Approval of the September 9, 2023, Agenda – A motion was made by Olivia Moreno to approve the agenda as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the August 5, 2023, Minutes – A motion was made by David Manske to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by Liz Lawless. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- In behalf of Treasurer Robin Kelley, Mark Almer reported the bank balance is \$46,919.78, with no activity this past month. All checks have cleared the bank. A profit and loss statement was filed with the EDCFSC.
- 8) Public Comment - None
- 9) Council Member Comments – Mark Almer reported that he, along with David Manske and Ernie Lory are doing an updated Firewise Risk Assessment as part of the Firewise renewal requirements. The team will be reaching out to GFFSC members to have them volunteer their properties for the assessments. There will be 5 properties within the burn zone, 5 in Units 8/9, 2 in Woodpecker Acres and 3 in the western portion of our Sphere of Recognition.
- 10) **Agency Reports**
 - A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor – George Turnboo – not present
 - B. Pioneer Fire Protection District –PFPD Fire Marshal Ken Earle/Chief Whitt - not present
 1. Reporting of overview information from Pioneer Fire Protection District Board meeting – Robin Kelley not present

2. Information sharing with PFPD about GFFSC projects and events – David Manske reported Robin Kelley attended (but not present at this meeting to report).

-Shiela Triebull reported this coming Monday (9/11) at 4pm, Firefighters Hall, the PVFA is having a meeting for assignment of duties as Dan and Lynette Dwyer are resigning (remaining active participants). The Pioneer Fire Protection District is having their regular District meeting this coming Tuesday, September 12.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens- not present

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District – District Manager Kim Gustafson – not present

E. Sheriff – Deputy Kris Kersmarki – nothing to report other than we will be seeing him and other deputies within the community

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory reported the EDCFSC had their meeting on August 16. There is a re-emphasis on taking responsibility for your own property. Definitions discussed on “Forest Health”, which focuses on watershed and properties of 800+ acres. “Wildfire prevention” refers to properties near the community to prevent wildfires and is all tied into the West Slope Community Wildfire Protection Plan. There is a FEMA grant for the Weber Creek drainage (for fuel reduction and home hardening) of approximately 25 million dollars.

G. California Highway Patrol- Public Information Officer Andrew Brown – not present

H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers – not present

I. Amador - El Dorado Unit CAL Fire – Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / PIO Wendy Oaks – not present

J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay – not present

2. Omo Ranch – Shiela Triebull reported Omo Ranch FSC has a green waste event planned and that the Wine Signage Fundraiser signs are being printed.

3. Sandridge – not present

11) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer reported there are currently ten vacancies and to tell your friends and neighbors.
- B. Time Sheet Submittal- David Manske reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets and that he's received four. Members were reminded to turn in their time sheets on a timely basis, especially before the end of the fiscal year for Firewise (July 31).
- C. Routes out of the Community Signage – Mark Almer reported he has reached out to District Ranger Scot Rogers who is on temporary assignment in Arizona and received an out of office reply email. Mark had inquired about the status of the forest directional signs and the condition of the road repairs for Leoni and Capps Crossing Roads. Deputy Kersmarki reported Rocky Bar Road is impassable to all vehicles except quads and dirt bikes.
- D. Community Clean-Up Day: Wrap-up and critique – Craig Heinrich and Robin Kelley were both absent, so in their place, Mark Almer reported the Executive Board came up with a list of items to consider for the next Community Clean-up day: 1) Securing the dumpsters/site, 2) Restrooms (porta-potties) for the site, 3) Moving the date to a Saturday for El Dorado Disposal's compactor and for same day delivery of the dumpsters (for security), 4) Reimbursement to Leoni Meadows for their costs, 5) A list of duties and reminder needs to be sent out to all workers/volunteers ahead of the event along with publicizing the event on social media (post-event).

Mark also read a thank you note (for conducting the clean-up day) from Cathie Adams.

Olivia Moreno discussed how there was a church property clean-up day prior to our event and it was poorly attended.

- E. \$5000 West Slope Foundation Grant – Ernie Lory reported that the Executive Board decided upon (no input from FSC members was received) five items to use the money on: 1) Replacement of metal 4 Corners sign, 2) Ten Public Education Foam Core Boards to be used at Public Events, GFFSC meetings, etc., 3) Three GFFSC event traffic signs/stands, 4) Printing Grizzly Flats Homeowner's Landscape Restoration Guidelines and 5) Community Green Waste Event for the springtime [includes dumpster, color mailer and give-away compostable bags].

12) **New Business** - none

13) **Committee Reports**

- A. Public Education – Mark Almer reported he has been doing several Facebook posts recently and Deirdre Girardi has been doing a fantastic job on the website.
- B. Defensible Space – David Manske reported he will be doing a defensible space advisory with Robin on the Wilson property.
- C. Grants – Ernie Lory reported the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is offering a Title III grant for up to \$2500 per FSC. The money needs to be spent by next spring. The GFFSC will be using the money for compostable green waste bags to be given away to our residents (up to 30 per resident). We will start purchasing the bags in the fall. He also reported the USFS Stevens Authority Grant (also known as GF39C that encompasses the “Common Area” west of Pine Ridge Drive and south of Grizzly Flat Road) will be done by the El Dorado Resource Conservation District. It consists of 25 acres. Ernie stated the Caldor Recovery and Reforestation field work has temporarily stopped due to fire danger. They have completed 2,645 acres and 4,200 acres is in their current work plan. Mark Egbert is currently in negotiations to secure funding to treat additional areas within the Grizzly Flats community (“inside the donut”) and expects the funding to be in place by September 30. There will be future public meetings presented by Mark Egbert and we hope he will be in attendance at our October 7 GFFSC meeting to update us. David Manske added that according to Mark Egbert, the spraying treatment will occur annually for three years. Mark Almer commented that he strongly encourages the RCD to send out flyers to all property owners within the APN designation of 041 (all of Grizzly Park) notifying them of the Recovery and Reforestation program availability.
- D. Fundraising- David Manske reported he has not received any requests for reflective address signs. Ernie suggested handing out the order forms for the reflective address signs when we do the Firewise Assessments. Mark also suggested that Deputy Kersmarki hand them out to his contacts in the community.
- E. Website- Dierdre Girardi not present. Kelly Krohn has offered to help Deirdre out.

14) **Public Announcements** – Shiela Triebull reported the West Slope Foundation is presenting their next round of Community Disaster Preparedness Workshops starting on 9/16. There will be 8 sessions in the series. Shiela stated the workshops are very helpful. They are giving each attendee a reflective green address sign.

15) **For the Good of the Order** – None

16) Adjourn – Scott Edwards motioned and David Manske seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mark Almer

Chairperson/Secretary Pro-Tem