



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, supporting emergency response efficiency, 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 – May 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:

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- 1. Call to Order** - Please make sure your comments and discussion are appropriate to the particular agenda item that we're discussing. Anything not related to a specific agenda item should be brought up during Council Member Comments, if it's related to Council business. If it's not related to Council business it needs to be brought up during Public Comment. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes and there will not be any discussion or interaction following each comment.
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Mark Almer.
- 2. Flag Salute** - The flag salute was conducted by Ernie Lory.
- 3. Roll Call** - The attendance was taken by Chairperson Mark Almer.
- 4. Timekeeper Volunteer** - The time keeping volunteer was David Manske.
- 5. Approval of the May 4, 2024 Agenda**- A motion was made by Scott Edwards to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by Roy Rodgers. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Approval of the April 6, 2024 Minutes** - A motion was made by Kelly Krohn to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Treasurer's Report – Mark Almer** – Mark Almer - Mark Almer gave the treasurer's report. See link for full report: [GFFSC Treasurer's Report 05042024](#)

8. Agency Reports

- a. Pioneer Fire Protection District – PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle - not present
- b. Report of Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting – David Manske/Robin Kelley - no new information
- c. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki - Deputy Kris Kersmarki reported out about the upcoming Mt. Aukum Fairplay Fire Safety Council Meeting. Mark Almer will email the zoom link.
- d. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory shared the minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting. See link for full report. [EDCFSC Mtg 4-17-2024](#) Scott Edwards expressed concern about a situation that limited removal of trees.
- e. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer Andrew Brown - not present
- f. El Dorado Resource Conservation District – Mark Egbert - not present
- g. U.S. Forest Service – Placerville Dist. Ranger Andrew Mishler - not present
- h. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit – Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public - Information Officer Wendy Oaks - not present
- i. State Senate District 4 – Heidi Mayerhofer - not present
- j. Team Rubicon – Corde Wagner - Corde Wagner provided an update on the TR project which is primarily focused on Grizzly Flats to remove hazardous trees, fuel reduction, and create defensible space.

9. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- a. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
- b. Omo Ranch - not present
- c. Sand Ridge - not present

10. Old Business

- a. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are 10 vacancies and to tell friends and neighbors.
- b. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion - David Manske gave an update on the timesheets and reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets and shared that we are a Firewise community and this is important for insurance in many cases.
- c. Routes Out of the Community Signage – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer shared that he doesn't have any significant updates other than the signage project is still in progress.
- d. GFFSC 20th Anniversary Committee – Ernie Lory / Deirdre Girardi – Discussion - Ernie Lory and Deirdre Girardi gave an update on the slide deck and a published hardback book that would be given to people who played a significant role in the council over the past 20 years.
- e. Green Waste bag distribution: Week of May 20th - Mark Almer - Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory and Mark Almer gave an update which included

giving out the compostable green waste bags week of May 6th and scheduling a week with the county chipping program in the week of May 20, 2024. Mark Almer signed up members to staff the table at the Post Office for the bag giveaway. The goal is to have the bags readily available during the week long chipping program.

- f. Defensible Space Assessor Training - Ernie Lory / David Manske – Discussion/Action - EDCFSC put the assessor training on hold; EDCFSC needs to reassess how to improve homeowner sign up for assessment because they have not had many responses.
- g. 2024 Firewise Day / June 22, 2024 – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - -Mark Almer provided an overview of the planning of the event including the committees and fundraising with a silent auction. Mark Almer shared that he contacted the original executive board members and some of them will be at the event.
- h. FireWise Silent Auction Donations – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action – Charlene Ank provided an update on the items for the Silent Auction.
- i. Residential Chipping Event: Week of May 20th – Ernie Lory – Discussion/Action – Ernie Lory provided an update on this event and the requirements for participation in this event.

11. New Business

- a. 2024 Executive Board election nomination request and election committee – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action – Mark Almer reported that Ernie Lory, David Manske, Mark Almer, and Deirdre Girardi have agreed to run again for their current Executive Board positions. Robin Kelley will continue to be on leave of absence for the upcoming year. Mark Almer stated that he will run for both treasurer and chairperson. Mark Almer asked if there are any other members who would like to run for Executive Board. No one requested to be added to the ballot. Kelly Krohn and Scott Edwards will be in charge of the election at the June in-person meeting at Leoni Meadows.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Public Education – Mark Almer - Mark Almer reported that he has updated Facebook posts announcing the Chipping Event and the giveaway of green waste bags. He also shared that the council purchased banners advertising events and public information that will be posted on the Grizzly Flat Post Office bulletin board.
- b. Defensible Space – David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley / Robin Kelley - David Manske stated that he recently conducted two defensible space evaluations. He also shared that the insurance companies are requesting these for rewriting policies. David Manske brought up the fact that he will need a tablet/i-pad for submitting data with the Field Maps app.

- c. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - Ernie Lory provided information about grants that are in progress and waiting for approval. Mark Almer reported that there is a large grant for a roadside fuel reduction project through the other fire safe councils and RCD. Kris Kersmarki provided an overview of the extent of the fire reduction projects.
 - d. Fundraising – David Manske / Robin Kelley - David Manske shared that he has three requests for reflective signs. Information about this is posted on the community bulletin board and will be posted on the GFFSC website and social media websites.
 - e. Website – Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley - Deirdre Girardi reported that she has been updating the website with Team Rubicon’s presentation and ROE information, the updated CalFire Permit notice, and the Chipping and Green Waste information as well as other public information.
13. **Public Comment** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. Corde Wagner relayed that community members praised the GFFSC and how the council has been a great partner in the Golden Grizzly project. Eileen Strangfeld expressed a concern about the GFFSC bulletin board being used for political messages. Kris Kersmarki provided information about how the OMO Ranch FSC is adding more water tanks to the Water Tank Farm and their FSC event is coming up soon.
14. **Council Member Comments** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. Mark Almer requested everyone attend the June council meeting because of the elections, community service award, and the budget approval. Olivia Moreno wanted to thank the RCD for clearing her property and requested that David Manske perform a defensible space evaluation of her property. Deirdre Girardi shared her concern that not enough GF residents are getting involved in the GFFSC but need the FireWise for insurance renewal. Eileen Strengfeld reported that she is working on getting her neighbors together to discuss emergency plans.
15. **Public Announcements** - Kelly Krohn expressed that the El Dorado Community Action Council still needs members and asked for recommendations for pest control.
16. **For the Good of the Order** - none
17. **Adjourn** - Kelly Krohn motioned and David Manske seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:29. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Marsh-Girardi

Deirdre Girardi

Secretary