

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 - October 1, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Leoni Meadows

- 1) Call to Order the meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairman Mark Almer when a quorum was met.
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Oliva Moreno
- 3) Roll Call the sign in sheet was passed around by Secretary Pro-Tem Almer. Members of the public included Susan Kim-Almer, Holly Robinson, Deirdre Girardi & Patrick Baireuther
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer Robin Kelley volunteered to be the timekeeper.
- 5) Approval of the October 1, 2022 Agenda Robin Kelley requested that Item 12A be removed. Roy Rodgers motioned and Mel Kelley seconded the approval of the Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the August 6, 2022 Minutes Mel Kelley motioned and David Manske seconded the approval of the Minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report Treasurer Robin Kelley reported the current balance is \$47,728.90. There is approximately \$700 left in the Title III fund balance and about \$3,000 left in the P,G&E fund balance. Robin explained a correction to the budget where there was \$15,000 listed in the carryover that should not have been.
- 8) Public Comment There were no Public Comments.
- 9) Council Member Comments Chairman Mark Almer reported that Laurie Findlay has resigned and has accepted Honorary Membership.

## 10) Agency Reports

- A. BOS District 2 Supervisor not present
- B. <u>Pioneer Fire Protection District</u> Chief Dave Whitt reported:
  - 1. The District is currently in staffing crisis. They currently have one firefighter on duty. Captain Scott Ramsey is leaving to be a firefighter/paramedic in Rescue.

- Besides PFPD, many other fire departments throughout the area are having staffing issues.
- 2. The District continues to have apparatus issues. They currently have one functional apparatus.
- C. <u>El Dorado County Department of Transportation</u> not present
- D. <u>Grizzly Flats Community Services District</u> not present
- E. <u>El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES</u> not present
- F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council Ernie Lory reported:
  - 1. The EDCFSC met on September 21
  - 2. Cedar Grove Fire Safe Council is the newest FSC in El Dorado County. They will be sharing borders with Camino FSC.
  - 3. There are discussions about the 2023 El Dorado County Fair. There will be six tables that will be staffed by various agencies.
  - 4. The Chipping Program is still available.
  - 5. Ernie presented a PowerPoint on the Caldor Fire Impact at the EDCFSC meeting.
- G. <u>California Highway Patrol</u> not present
- H. U.S. Forest Service not present.
- I. <u>CAL FIRE, Amador</u>-El Dorado Unit not present.
- J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils
  - 1. Aukum/Fairplay not present
  - 2. Omo Ranch Shiela Triebull reported:
  - a. Their council is exploring a Community Wildfire Defense grant
  - b. Their Firewise renewal is coming up.
  - c. Outreach and Education is preparing a mailing for a planned Pot-Luck and presentation for their November meeting.
  - d. Aukum/Fairplay published their newsletter and have invited all neighboring fire safe councils to submit an article in their newsletters.
  - e. They had their first and second Winery Signage fundraiser meeting. They've drafted a letter that will go to each Council to approve. They're also drafting a flyer and portfolio. Shiela suggested that each Council produce a document similar to Omo Ranch's "Reflections of 2021" so winery patrons can see what each Council has been working on. There will be meetings on October 15 and November 15 and information will be communicated through Robin Kelley.
  - f. The South County Shaded Fuel Grant is in process.
- K. Long Term Recovery Group not present

## 11) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies Mark Almer reported that there are currently 9 vacancies on the Council and encouraged members of the community who are interested in joining to attend multiple meetings to become familiar with the Council. He stated that there can be a maximum of 25 Council members.
- B. Time Sheet Submittal David Manske reminded everyone to turn in their timesheets for Firewise renewal.

- C. Secretary Vacancy Mark Almer reported that there is still a vacancy for the Secretarial position and the Executive Board is looking into having to pay a person outside of the GFFSC. Diedre Girardi volunteered to fill the vacancy (post-meeting, she also advised Mark Almer that she would be willing to join the GFFSC).
- D. Community Service Award Update Mark Almer reported that the 2022 GFFSC Community Service Award was presented to Jodi Lauther and Kim Gustafson two months ago. They are very deserving of this recognition, as they not only have worked tirelessly in helping restore our water system in Grizzly Flats, but also for their partnership with the GFFSC over the years.
- **12) New Business** None (item 12A was removed during the approval of the agenda)

## 13) Committee Reports

- A. <u>Public Education Mark Almer reported:</u>
  - 1. The new (replacement) NO BURNING hanger sign has been installed under the Smokey sign on String Canyon Road. The frame was also painted brown.
  - 2. Ernie Lory provided Mark Almer with a list/description/treatment possibilities of post-fire invasive plants. Mark posted two at a time each Tuesday (under the title of "TO-DO TUESDAY") on Facebook, with the teaser to come back each Tuesday to see the new list. This should hopefully get people to visit our page a little more regularly. Jennifer Hibbard has also posted the information on our website.
  - 3. Aukum/Fairplay FSC has offered to allow other groups/FSC's to publish an article in their newsletter. For the August deadline, Mark provided an article about the recovery and reforestation program offered by the RCD.
  - 4. Mark described a recent fire call that Pioneer FPD and CAL FIRE responded to in the Grizzly Flats subdivision where people were burning trash. There were several "aggressive" Facebook posts from community members. With the help of David/Laurie Manske and Jennifer Hibbard, we quickly got an informational bulletin put on our Website and Facebook about what new people to the area need to know about burning, trash service, etc. Mark encouraged ALL GFFSC members who use the computer to regularly check our Facebook page and website.
  - 5. We are looking at how to reach new residents effectively. The loss of the Post Office bulletin board has really affected how we can do that. Mark recently spoke with Kim Gustafson (Grizzly Flats CSD) about partnering with them to insert GFFSC information in a GFCSD billing mailing.
- B. <u>Defensible Space</u> Defensible Space Chair Robin Kelley reported that she attended the Sand Ridge FSC meeting because they wanted to know more about Defensible Space Evaluations. They are in the process of reinstating their Firewise designation.
- C. Grants Grants Manager Ernie Lory reported:
  - 1. He spoke to RCD Manager Mark Egbert recently about the California Climate Initiative Grant (CCI) and that when the grant cycle reopens, the RCD would be willing to be project manager. This grant was applied for twice in the past and not

- granted. It encompasses the area west of subdivision units 8, 9 & Woodpecker Acres.
- 2. Ernie introduced Holly Robinson (RCD), who will be doing the ROE's and landowner communications for the Caldor Recovery and Reforestation Project.
- 3. By mid-next week, the awards will be given to the potential contractors. Reviewing of submittals will be done by Ernie Lory. They will have two to three weeks to commence work. Ernie showed a zone map to the meeting attendees. They may possibly start with Zone 2. The Registered Professional Forester will communicate with each property owner to discuss tree dropping and mastication. Seedlings for replanting are already being grown and will be planted next spring. Herbicides may be applied prior replanting seedlings to give the seedlings a fighting chance of survival.
- D. <u>Fundraising</u> Robin Kelley reported that she continues to work on the winery project (Four FSC's are involved). The Executive Board has started discussions about a future Firewise Day and possible fundraiser. Mark Almer added that the Firewise renewal is in process, however an updated Action Plan had to be developed.
- E. Website no report
- **14)** Public Announcements No public announcements.

## 15) For the Good of the Order

- 1. Shiela Triebull inquired about the amount of ROE's received by RCD Manager Mark Egbert. Ernie Lory clarified that a revised ROE was sent out and it's been more successful in getting landowners to sign up.
- 2. Shiela Triebull reported that there is a concept of establishing a "Fundraising Store" that came about as part of the Winery Signage project so inventories of certain items do not have to be kept.
- 3. Olivia Moreno inquired about how the El Dorado County Vegetation Management Ordinance fits in with the GFFSC. It was explained how our Defensible Space team does "advisories" (vs. "inspections") and that compliance is purely voluntary. Currently, enforcement is complaint driven. El Dorado Hills Fire Department has been contracted to perform the inspections throughout El Dorado County. Only select areas of El Dorado County are done each year. Shiela Triebull inquired about the requirement of submitting the Defensible Space Advisory paperwork to CAL FIRE. Currently, the GFFSC only submits the *number of inspections performed*, not the actual advisory forms.
- **16) Adjourn** Robin Kelley motioned, with a second from Mel Kelley, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chairperson/Secretary Pro-Tem** 

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INCOME			20	2021-2022 Actuals		2022-2023 Estimated		2022-2023 Actuals	
		Beginning Bank Balance	\$	25,985.00	\$	38,509.97	\$	38,509.97	
4000.00	Donations								
	Restricted Funds 4000.01	Title 3 Reimbursements	\$	838.47	\$	871.53	\$	3,411.19	
	Unrestricted Funds 4000.02	EDC Foundation	\$	15,000.00					
		PG&E Reimbursements	\$	1,018.84	\$	8,875.43	\$	6,965.69	
		Other Gifts	\$	8,197.57					
4020.00	Bank Interest		\$	2.81					
	Fundraising		Ÿ	2.01					
	4030.01	Annual BBQ							
	4030.02	Address Signs	\$	237.00					
	4030.03	Virtual Auction	\$	845.00					
	4030.04	Other Fundraisers							
4060.00	Shirt and Cap Sales								
4090.00	Vendor Refunds								
		Income this year	\$	26,139.69	-	9,746.96		10,376.88	
		Total Income	\$	52,124.69		48,256.93		48,886.85	
		Reserves	\$	(13,000.00)		(13,000.00)		(13,000.00)	
		TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	39,124.69	\$	35,256.93	\$	35,886.85	

	EXPENSE	s	2021	-2022 Actuals	2022-2	023 Estimated		
5010.00 Contract/Consulting Se	ervices				\$	5,000.00		
	5020.01	Defensible Space Program			\$	200.00		
	5020.03	Bulletin Board Materials			\$	500.00		
	5020.04	Signage-yard, banners, etc	\$	(4,339.51)	\$	2,000.00	\$	(462.04)
5030.00 Giveaway Items		Awards	\$	(219.24)	\$	300.00	\$	(422.35)
5040.00 Internet Uses		Website-1 year	\$	(220.00)	\$	240.00	\$	(280.00)
5060.00 Public Education								
	5060.01	Bulletin Board Expenses			\$	8,500.00		
	5060.02	Table Top Exercise			\$	-		
	5060.03	School Program			\$	100.00		
	5060.05	Other	\$	(202.46)	\$	100.00		
5070.00 Supplies								
5080.00 Software		Domain 2-years	\$	(43.32)				
	5080.01	Microsoft Annual			\$	100.00		
	5080.02	Adobe Doc Converter Annual	\$	(179.88)	\$	180.00		
5030.00 Shipping & Handling								
5100.00 Advertising & Marketin	ng							
5115.00 Bank Services								
5141.00 Computer Supplies			\$	(2,143.41)	\$	250.00		
3153.00 Donation Expenses								
	6153.01	Annual BBQ			\$	5,000.00		
5195.00 Indirect Costs								
5255.00 Postage					\$	100.00		
5265.00 Printing & Reproduction	on		\$	(148.19)	\$	1,500.00		
5295.00 Rent			\$	(225.00)	\$	300.00		
5300.00 Repairs			\$	(10.91)	\$	100.00		
5310.00 Office Supplies				. ,	\$	150.00		
3336.00 Meeting Expenses								
· .	6336.01	Zoom	\$	(149.90)	\$	150.00		
	6336.02	Other	•	, ,	\$	100.00	Ś	(107.24)
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6580.00 Storage			\$	(5,733.88)	\$	500.00	\$	(154.41)
6600.00 CWPP			•	,				,
6895.00 Firewise Events		EZ Up Tents x 4			\$	1,000.00		
		Total Expenses	\$	(13,615.70)	\$	26,370.00	\$	(1,426.04)
		Available Funds	\$	25,508.99	\$	8,886.93	\$	34,460.81
		Net	\$	12,523.99				
		Adjustment	\$	0.80				
		Net Reported to EDCFSC	\$	12,524.79				
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