



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 August 1, 2020 9:30 a.m.- Telephone Meeting

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Flag Salute was led by Ernie Lory
- 3) Roll Call was taken, and members of the public announced themselves
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers & Timekeeper Volunteer
- 5) Approval of the August 1, 2020 Agenda- Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Kelly Krohn and a second by Molly Irish. Motion passes
- 6) Approval of the July 11, 2020 Minutes Kelly Krohn moves to approve the minutes as corrected with a second from Mary Lou Brown
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley- Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$33,598.86
- 8) Public Comment
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)
- 9) Council Member's Comments
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 - Mark Almer reported there was an insert in the Mountain Democrat called the El Dorado County Disaster Resource Guide
 - Molly Irish, Kim Gustafson and Mark Almer spent time at the Grizzly Flats CSD stuffing membership recruitment notices into the water bills.
 - The executive board determined the Council will continue the Zoom meetings through the end of the 2020 year.
- 10) **Agency Reports**
 - A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor. - Shiva Frentzen – Not Present

B. Pioneer Fire Protection District –Chief Mark Matthews/Battalion Chief Mike Stutts

Battalion Chief Stutts Reported:

- Pioneer Fire Protection District is in a joint coverage agreement with Amador Fire Protection District to jointly staff station 123 in Fiddletown. The main benefit to it for our District is their engine will come up and cover the South end of our District. Pioneer Fire Protection District has been able to acquire an office space in a building next to the post office near the Mount Aukum store. There is more information on Pioneerfire.org.
- Still having issues with people continuing to have debris burns but have been able to get to them quickly. Please continue to educate the public in regard to the burn ban.
- Mark Almer states he has several “No Burn” Signs available to those who want them
- Deb Gregory states it is really good to have Battalion Chief Mike Stutts in Grizzly Flats. It is good to have fire personnel in Grizzly Flats full time. It is a great step forward for Grizzly Flats having him in the community.
- Chief Mike Stutts states he is glad to be up here and it was a long time coming. States PFPD is always looking for people to volunteer. States the training is currently on hold, but he is working on a Distance learning program. States he is appreciative of the support.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens_ Not Present
Mark Almer states DOT did complete their road improvement and patching/sealing process. Looks good so far.

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District - Kim Gustafson- Not Present

E. Sheriff – John D’Agostini/Jack Kerruish -Not Present

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory

- Ernie Lory reports there is currently a Senate Bill in Sacramento for the year 2021 regarding hardening of homes before selling. Unsure of all information but future homes may need to be hardened before sold.
- Chipping program still on hold waiting for funds from PG&E. The County Fire Safe Council is changing the wording on this project. This will now only be for primary residence lots only. Not for Vacant lots.

- The Veterans Seniors low income defensible space assistance is still on hold as it is waiting for funds from SMUD due to paperwork issues.
- El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is looking into the liability issues regarding the Amateur Radio program. Radio frequency program may be an option.
- The County Vegetation Management starting inspections in June. The target communities were Pollock Pines and Garden Valley at this time. If you have a complaint regarding a neighbor, there is a complaint form available on edcgov.us. However, if the fire department or an inspector goes out, they look at all the properties in the area, not just a single property at the time.

G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer - Andrew Brown
Not Present

H. USFS - District Ranger Rick Hopson – Not present

I. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay – not present

2. Omo Ranch- Paul Graham

- Paul Graham states they sent out a mailing to 345 of the Omo Ranch residents to introduce The Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council and let them know they are in their area.
- Four individuals were certified to do defensible space inspections,
- The Board and Council meet with Social Distancing having the meetings outdoors at the Indian Diggings School. Having more people step up in the community.

3. Pleasant Valley – not present

11) Old Business

- A. Emergency Evacuation Route Signage – Chief Matthews/Don Spear/Steve Hupner – Discussion/ Action Item
No action- waiting for US Forest Service engineering approval

- B. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer- Discussion/Action Item
Currently have five vacancies and when Kim Gustafson steps off there will be six vacancies.

- C. Youth Corps- David Manske
 - David Manske spoke with Jesse regarding the Youth Corps. He states Jesse is interested but is concerned that there are not a lot of kids who would be interested in joining.

 - Mark Almer states that a concern was brought up regarding this being age discrimination but advises that this does not apply to a volunteer organization.

12) New Business

- A. Updates & Changes Since Last Meeting – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action Item

- B. Community Cleanup- Craig Heinrich

On behalf of Craig Heinrich, Mark Almer reported:

- Community Cleanup has been canceled due to the current Social Distancing event parameters.

- El Dorado County Disposal also has temporarily suspended curbside pick up as well. This does not interfere with items being brought to the disposal as long as you can remove the items yourself.

- Keep the coupons that are sent, El Dorado County Disposal will honor them in the future.

Liz Lawless Reported:

- They still allow for 5 additional bags of green waste with prior notice or you can call and request an extra green waste can at no charge.

13) Committee Reports

A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory

- Unfortunately, the Facebook page has been quiet over the past week due to an error in managing the timing of posts. Informational posts are starting again as of today.
- PG&E has upcoming Wildfire Safety Webinars on August 12 and August 19 regarding their Power Shut off programs. Sign up on the PG&E website.

B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley

Robin Kelley states she has been staying in touch with two of the seniors regarding the assistance plans. Will be letting them know about the canceled Community cleanup as well.

C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske

- Ernie Lory states the GF 18 Henry's Diggings Roadside Fuel Reduction- they are waiting for some final paperwork but the money is available.
- On July 22 Steve Hupner, Mark Almer, Ernie Lory, David Manske and John Pickett had a teleconference and they went over the combination of GF 36 and GF 17. This combination could be put in for a grant application but would need to be incorporated in to the County wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan under the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council.
- Group also discussed the GF 38 Pine Needle Disposal possible grant application and changed the name to Green Waste Disposal.

D. Public Education – Deb Gregory/Kelly Krohn/Molly Irish

Nothing to report

E. El Dorado County Vacant Parcel/Weed Abatement Ordinance - Ad Hoc

- Chief Stutts states still coordinating with the County on making the Ordinance uniform across the Counties. Our area does not see as many complaints as other sides of the County.

F. Fundraising - Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske

- Robin Kelley reports the team has been unable to meet so far.

14) Public Announcements

- There is at least one if not more than one bear traveling through Grizzly Flats. El Dorado Disposal offers a bear proof trash can. They only come in the 64 or 96 gallon size. If you already have this size, they will just swap them out. It will take a few days after the request for them to deliver it.

15) For the Good of the Order

- Mark Almer states as a reminder the September Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council Meeting will be held on September 12 due to the Labor Day holiday.

16) Adjourn

Robin Kelley moves to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Mel Kelley. **Motion** approved Meeting adjourned at 10 :43am

Regular Local Fire Safe Councils and District Meetings:

Grizzly Flats FSC - 1st Saturdays 9:30 AM, Telephone Meeting (Temporary)
Pioneer Fire Protection District - 2nd Tuesdays 6 PM, Station 38
Pleasant Valley FSC - 2nd Thursdays 7 PM - Pleasant Valley Community Hall
Aukum/Fairplay FSC- 3rd Wednesdays 7 PM - Pioneer Park Hall
Omo Ranch FSC - 4th Saturdays 9 AM – Indian Diggings School

Retroactively submitted for electronic storage on July 24, 2022 and the content is fundamentally accurate to the best of my knowledge,



Mark Almer
Chairperson