Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
May 10, 2017

Minutes

Board members present: Norm Walker, Larry Kueneman, Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, Lois Henson, Chris Kramer, and Marvin Spreyne

Staff present: Edwina Scott and Pat Boss

Public in attendance: Brian Tisdale, Supervisor Washington’s Office; Matt Aheran, U.S.F.S.; Pamela Mayfield

1) Opening Remarks - Norm Walker, President
   Expressed appreciation to Doris Lombard for her article for the newsletter.

2) Budget and Financial Report - Edwina Scott, in absence of Jerry Holldber
   b. IRS Form 990: Discussed. Move to accept report made by Chris Kramer, seconded by Ron Perry, passed.
   c. Bookkeeper: Ms. Xxxx Xxxx has been retained as the new bookkeeper; the monthly expenditure of $450.00 will remain the same.

3) Adoption of April 11, 2017 Minutes
   The Minutes were reviewed. Move by Ron Perry, seconded by Doris Lombard, to accept minutes as submitted passed.

4) Fuel Modification Operations - Edwina Scott
   c. CWPP: Active. Steering committee meets June 14, 2017. Animal evacuation discussed. Mr. Tisdale to consult with County Animal Control.
   d. County funds to assist low-income individuals: Three jobs in bidding process as there is more work than the Woodies can handle.
   e. SRA Grants:
      I. Dead and Dying Tree Removal: Ten ‘Bark Beetle’ trees removed in April.
      II. Fuels Reduction: Ten property owners assisted with 7 tons to grinder and 20 tons to
   f. FEMA Reroofing Grant: No report.
   g. Projects and Woodies Report (Pat Boss):
      Eleven projects in the works. In April, the Woodies had 2 working sessions at the Help Center, cutting and splitting. Volunteer hours of 32.5
5) Education – Edwina Scott
   a. GSOb Update: Ron Perry waiting for a day that all 4 inspectors will be available.
   b. Spring 2017 Newsletter: Discussed. Jerry Holdber and Norm Walker will get together and complete a letter of appreciation to agencies.

6) New Business
   The retirement of Pat Boss, Projects Manager, was discussed; a luncheon is scheduled for May 31, 2017 at LaCasita. Two applicants for the Projects Manager position have been affirmed with a third expected. Edwina Scott, Norm Walker, Ron Perry and Pat Boss will interview applicants and offer position to their unified selection.

7) Agency Reports
   a. U.S.F.S. Battalion Chief Matt Aheran commented on completion of the South Ridge and Strawberry and Pine Cove fuel breaks; Thomas Mtn. had 10 acres burned through a prescribed burn

8) Public Comments – An announcement was made of the Rotary Ann’s Safety Appreciation Luncheon to be held at the Idyllwild Fire Station today at 11:30 am. Pamela Mayfield spoke about the Idyllwild Indivisible Group and of a splinter group dealing with fire and nature concerns of the area and that this splinter group will have a meeting on June 20, 2017 at the Idyllwild Library. Edwina Scott gave notice that she would be making a presentation on the topic of Fire Fuels Reduction to the Garner Valley community at the Garner Valley Commons on June 19, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

9) Meetings:
   a. Next Board Meeting: June 13, 2017, 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Spreyne, Secretary

Note takers: Director Spreyne and Executive Director Edwina Scott