

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2018

MINUTES

Board members present: **Norm Walker, Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, Jerry Holldber** and **Marvin Spreyne**

Staff present: **Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**

Public in attendance: Brian Tisdale, Supervisor Washington's Office; Matt Boss, U.S.F.S.; Charles Wentz, U.S.F.S.; Nochella Funes, Cal Fire; Kathleen Edwards

- 1) Opening Remarks - **Norm Walker**, President
Held a moment of silence for the victims, their families and the first responders of the September 11 tragedy. Discussed opinions of the effects of the Cranston fire to the Living Free Complex amongst which were heat killed trees, scaring and the chips that provided ground fuel; led a discussion on the recent meeting with Congressman Ruiz and his staff.
- 2) Budget and Financial
 - a) Financial Report: August 2018. **Jerry Holldber** discussed the financial reports. On a move by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**, the report will be filed for audit.
 - b) B of A Funds: Discussion resulted in a move by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Jerry Holldber**, to leave the funds in the account as is and to update the definition of restricted funds.
- 3) Adoption of August 14, 2018 Minutes
With the removal of one unnecessary word the minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Ron Perry**, seconded by **Jerry Holldber**,
- 4) Fuel Modification Operations - **Edwina Scott, Pete Coy** and **Ron Perry**
 - a. **California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant**: On the August Fuels Reduction program, Project Manager **Pete Coy** worked with 7 property owners, creating fuel reduction plans for their respective properties, which totaled 2.4 acres. 20.5 tons of biomass was removed, and 4.7 cords of firewood was left for homeowners.
 - b. **Grant Application Updates**:
 - i. **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant** - The narrative of our grant was updated to include stats from the Cranston Fire but the requested amount remained the same.
 - ii. **CAL FIRE 2018 Grant** - Worksheet should be completed this week. Costs per tree and acre were included but now it's required to convert these costs to cost per hour.
 - c. **Projects Report**: **Pete Coy** advised that he has 3 jobs remaining and has been busy with educating property owners and has 10 jobs written for the new grant.
 - d. **Woodies Report**: **Ron Perry** related that there were 4 working sessions which resulted in 1 for equipment maintenance, 1 for fire fuel abatement and 2 for cutting wood which provided a donation of 3.5 cords of wood to the Help Center for distribution and of which resulted in just under 70 volunteer hours.

5) Education – **Edwina Scott**

- a) GSOB Update: **Ron Perry** announced that affected trees are all over and currently there is no money to remedy the situation, but that documentation will continue. **Charles Wentz** discussed GSOB issues on U.S.F.S. land.
- b) Correspondence: **Edwina Scott** related **Gina McGough** has taken a position as the P.I.O. for the Corona Fire Department and that **Brian Young** is the new Fire Chief and there is a possibility of Corona forming a fire safe council.
- c) Newsletter: **Edwina Scott** mentioned that the newsletter has been distributed.

6) Old Business:

- a) Magnetic signs for vehicles: Issue is on standby as crews are on fire lines.
- b) Resolution 2018-001 for the 2017-2018 CAL FIRE Grant: Tabled

7) New Business

Outreach and Education Brochure: Local Board of Realtors refer clients to a link for educational information rather than a brochure. **Edwina Scott** led a discussion on the 'Living With' magazine.

8) Agency Reports –**Nochella Funes** mentioned status of the Red Hill project and that agencies will be meeting in October to further discuss the GSOB topic. **Charles Wentz** commented on the Cranston Fire cleanup on Highway 74 and the Thomas Mountain project. **Matt Boss** informed all that on September 28th the U.S.F.S. District Ranger for the area will be transferring to Fish and Wildlife.

9) Public Comments – **Brian Tisdale** related that Riverside County Emergency Management is reviewing the Cranston Fire event.

10) Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for October 9, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

Note takers: Secretary **Marvin Spreyne** and Executive Director **Edwina Scott**