

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
 - a. Financial Report: April 2017 financial report discussed in detail along with a revised format. Move to file the report for audit made by Chris Kramer, seconded by Ron Perry, passed.
 - 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
 - a. California Fire Safe Council 2015 Grant: Awaiting closeout.
 - b. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: Awaiting for clearance from forester.
 - 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 Holldber 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