



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, November 22, 2015

LOCATION: Joseph Nordlinger's house, 4297 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Joanne Sutro, Ken Van Oeveren, Gary Green, Bill Robertson, Carole Meredith, Evangeline James, Jason Martin (Cal Fire Battalion Chief, representing Cal Fire/Napa County Fire Department)

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 24 meeting were approved with modifications. Several modifications and corrections to the 9/26 minutes were suggested

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary Green reported that our checking account balance is \$37,468.93. Our savings account balance is \$10,004.77, including accrued interest. The previously questioned expense of \$224.81 was for splitter maintenance costs. A thank you note was sent to Community Projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **NCCF discussion and updates:** Evangeline James said she had spoken to John Tuteur and that he said most of the other Fire Safe Councils in Napa County have not completed the 501.c application process to become non-profit organizations. She discussed with him the NCCF conflict of interest policy. Evangeline has requested relevant documents from county counsel.
2. **Project updates:**
 - a. **Cal Fire State Responsibility Area (SRA) Grant Program / Lokoya Fuel reduction:** According to Greg Holquist, the Lokoya project is now 1/3 complete. The money has not yet been received.
 - b. **Limited Access Road #1 (LAR#1)/ PG&E CEMA grant:** This project is complete.
3. **Board expansion:** Wayne Cain has resigned from the board.
It was proposed that several standing committees be established:
 - Projects

- Board expansion
- Business membership
- Fundraising
- Dry Creek Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department
- Events
- CWPP and community resources

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. **Insurance for the trailer:** Is separate insurance not needed if the trailer is stored in a shipping container. Ken Van Oeveren will get clarification on this. In the meantime, until a new container is in place, the trailer is uninsured.
2. **Fund for Needy Residents:**
 - a. The Community Projects request did not mention the Chapman property work that was included in our LAR #1 project.
 - b. To publicize the \$20,000 lead gift from Community Projects, it was proposed that instead of a press release we get a photo of us receiving a check from Community Projects
 - c. How will we determine financial need? Bill Robertson will check with other Fire Safe Councils that use financial need as a criterion for projects.
 - d. We will need to develop language to protect us from liability or obligation related to work paid for by the Needy Fund. Evangeline James and Kelly Wallace will work on this.
3. **List of property owners in electronic form:** Evangeline James reported that John Tuteur requires a map in order to generate this list. Evangeline said that she will obtain the appropriate map from Cal Fire.
4. **CWPP update:** still in progress
5. **4291 evaluations:** Cal Fire can inspect properties without permission
6. **Identification of water sources:** There is a GIS layer that shows all the water sources in the county. It comes from permit information. The county planning department has it. Ken Van Oeveren proposes to send out a survey to everyone in the neighborhood. He said he will first send it to the core group and we can each fill it out for ourselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DCL VFD board meetings:** Greg Holquist attends the meetings because he is a project manager. Joe wants to make sure someone from MVFSC is attending these meetings.
2. **December holiday party:** Joe can make a presentation. He will have a map of our projects on an easel.
3. **Napa Resource Conservation District (NRCD):** Joe will make a presentation to them at their meeting on December 10 at 8 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Firewood:** It must be moved or sold by December 20. Ken Van Oeveren proposed that we offer it at a reduced price -- \$50 for an unsplit pickup load. But Joe thinks it will not sell and that we should give it away. A work party was proposed for December 5. Ken will contact Tony McLimans to request the use of his tractor. Gary Green or Evangeline James will announce the work party on NextDoor.
2. **Conflict of interest policy:** Ken Van Oeveren provided the latest DCLVFD conflict of interest policy. We are all to read it and to execute it by the first meeting of 2016.
3. **Address signs:** Gary Green said funds are needed to buy additional signs and numbers. Accordingly, budget line 703.4 was increased to \$500.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 am

Next Meeting: ~~Saturday, January 23, 2016~~
~~DCL VFD Fire Station~~

Later changed to: Sunday January 31, 8 am
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