



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, March 26, 2016

LOCATION: Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station, 5900 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Ken Van Oeveren, Bill Robertson, Carole Meredith, Steve Levine

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: Discuss criteria for the Neighbors in Need program

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 27, 2016 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Joe Nordlinger reported that he had met with Greg Holquist to discuss 2016 projects and funding. He also reported that he and Ken Van Oeveren had met with Stephen Gort. Joe has also been drafting a fundraising letter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Van Oeveren presented a report from Treasurer Jason Newton. The checking account balance is \$38,243.31.

CURRENT BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **Ongoing projects:** none

2. **Grants and funding opportunities:**

- a. **NCFE:** Joe Nordlinger and Ken Van Oeveren met with Stephen Gort and other NCFE board members. We agree to sign the NCFE Conflict of Interest statement because it is less restrictive than our own. We will need to sign it every time we apply for a grant. We must also specify that we will have a project manager. We don't know when the next NCFE call for proposals will come, nor have we determined what we would use the money for.

The NCFE members suggested "100 Men Who Give a Damn" as a possible source of additional funding for our Neighbors in Need program. Joe has contacted that group via their Facebook page.

- b. **PG&E:** Joe reported that Greg Holquist thinks we will be able to get another \$100,000 from PG&E for projects that follow power lines. This could be Wall Road or another LAR (Limited Access Road). The funding opportunity may not come up until May or June. Greg Holquist, Joe Nordlinger and Evangeline James will prepare a detailed plan if we do go forward with PG&E.

The possibility of an expanded and specific proposal to PG&E for a larger amount of money (e.g. \$250K) was discussed (e.g., Wall Road plus two LAR's). Greg will follow up with his contact at PG&E. Steve Levine asked whether PG&E would support work associated with a private power line. Someone also asked whether PG&E would be willing to contribute to the Neighbors in Need program.

- c. **CWPP:** Bill Robertson reported that the CWPP revision is almost complete but that we are awaiting maps that show our project locations. Greg Holquist has the software to enable this. We need to finalize the CWPP by June 1 in order to allow enough time to obtain signatures and have it ready for grant applications in the fall.
3. **Future projects:** Bill Robertson emphasized the importance of planning projects in advance to take advantage of funding opportunities that may arise on short notice.

EDUCATION AND EVENTS:

The annual Community Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday May 7 from 8 to 11 am at the DCLVFD Fire Station. The program will include project updates, a fire extinguisher demonstration, announcement of the Neighbors in Need program and a description of the PACE program that provides financing for energy efficiency and water conservation. The new water tender and the engines will be on display and there will be fire hats for the kids.

Breakfast will start at 8 and the program will begin at 9. Invitations will be extended to Steve Hawks, Kelly Gin, the Napa County supervisors and the members of Station 12 (Yountville).

Bill Robertson and Gary Green will organize the food. The tables will be inside, as they were last year. Carole Meredith will publicize the event on NextDoor and via the community email list.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Criteria for Neighbors in Need program:** Ken Van Oeveren reviewed criteria used by other Fire Safe Councils with similar programs. He proposes that we require demonstrated financial need (indexed to the Napa County poverty level) and that the applicant be unable to do the work because of age or physical disability. Ken has drafted an application packet that includes an overview, an agreement, and an application form. We will prepare a flyer or brochure to hand out at the May 7 gathering. We must finalize this at our April meeting.
2. **Board recruitment:** no update
3. **Social Media Outreach:** postponed
4. **Electronic address list from John Tuteur:** no update
5. **Trailer insurance:** in progress

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: 11:40 am

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 17, 9 am
Dry Creek Lokoya Fire Station
5900 Dry Creek Road