



## **MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Sunday, April 17, 2016

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

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

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:** none

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 26, 2016 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Joe Nordlinger reported that he had obtained the contact information for the people to whom we will send fundraising letters. He will call them before May 7. They include Donald Harms, Mayacamas, Hendry, Cuvaison, Osmose, Hess Collection, Jackson Family, Constellation, and Rob Jennings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ken Van Oeveren presented a report from Treasurer Jason Newton. The checking account balance is \$38,160.64, with \$24,230.92 in the reserve account.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

#### **PROJECT UPDATES:**

1. **Ongoing projects:** none
2. **Grants and funding opportunities:**
  - a. **NCFF:** no update
  - b. **PG&E:** no update
  - c. **CWPP:** Bill Robertson sent out a draft to the core group and got a few comments. But he said he cannot see the changes people have made on the document. Steve Levine recommended that we use Google Docs for editing shared documents. Carole Meredith pointed out a setting in Word to show tracked changes.

Steve Levine asked how priorities are set in the CWPP. He argued that roadside clearing on Dry Creek Road should have a higher priority than Mount Veeder

Road. Bill Robertson explained that as a mid-slope road, Mount Veeder Road has a higher priority than Dry Creek Road, which is a drainage bottom road, because fire below a mid-slope road is more likely to overrun the road.

### **EDUCATION AND EVENTS:**

**Community Pancake Breakfast, Saturday May 7:** We will publicize the event via the large road signs, NextDoor and the community email list.

Food planning is underway with Dean Violet taking the lead.

The fire extinguisher demonstration has been arranged.

Ken Van Oeveren has produced a short video of the LAR #1 roadside clearing work from the time-lapse videos recorded by Joe Nordlinger. The short video will be shown during the event.

Fire hats for kids have been ordered. The kiosk will be set up to show project maps and brochures will be set out on a table.

Ken Van Oeveren will encourage more fire department participation.

Invitations will be extended to specific people, including Kelly Gin and Darren Drake.

It was agreed that if the criteria for the Neighbors In Need program have not been finalized, then we should mention it at the event only in general terms.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Criteria for Neighbors in Need program:** no update
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:** The group discussed how best to get a new board member up to speed without taking up too much meeting time. It was noted that our key documents (e.g., CWPP) are on the MVFSC website.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:30 am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, May 28, 9 am  
Dry Creek Lokoya Fire Station  
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