



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, May 28, 2016

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

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

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 17, 2016 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Joe Nordlinger reported that he had obtained contact info for additional potential donors from Carole Meredith. He proposed that we send our fundraising letter to the corporate list, but that we also send a modified version of the letter to everyone in our community.

Stephen Gort has left the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation to become Executive Director of the California Fire Safe Council. Joe asked Steve Levine to send an email to Darren Drake to arrange a meeting with Joe Nordlinger, Steve Levine and Kate Dargan.

Joe reported that the May 7 Pancake Breakfast was well-attended but that he regrets that we did not have a sign-up sheet to collect contact information from those who attended. He said that Carole Meredith had sent him the community mailing list information that she has. It was noted that Gary Green may have additional mailing lists.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Van Oeveren presented a report from Treasurer Jason Newton. The checking account balance is \$37,917.97, with \$24,230.92 in the reserve account. Money was spent on the Pancake Breakfast (\$208.52), website updates (\$16.67) and road signs (\$16.09). A \$100 donation was received from Caroline Potter.

CURRENT BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **Ongoing projects:** none
2. **Grants and funding opportunities:** Projects being discussed for this year include additional Local Access Roads (LAR's) (Meredith, McLimans); Wall Road (only partially completed last year) and the end of Redwood Road (at the request of Ann Schwing). A question was raised about whether we should consider clearing in the vicinity of private power lines. We need to generate a list of Limited Access Roads in our neighborhood.
 - a. **NCFF:** no update

- b. **PG&E:** no update
- c. **CWPP:** Bill Robertson reported that completion of the CWPP revision is awaiting project maps from Greg Holquist. It was suggested that we review the existing CWPP language for mention of watershed protection, including sedimentation and habitat destruction and to add such language if it is not already there.

EDUCATION AND EVENTS:

Home Winemakers Classic, July 9: This is a Dry Creek Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department event but it is nevertheless good for the MVFSC to participate to some extent because of our connection to the DCLVFD.

Should we consider playing a role at Earth Day events? Should we become more closely connected to the Board of Supervisors?

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Board recruitment:** no update
2. **Publicize Nordlinger article on MVFSC website:** Carole Meredith reported that she has not been able to get to this. Joe said that he will update his original article (that he wrote for the newsletter). He will send it to Steve Levine, who will post it on NextDoor and other places as appropriate.
3. **Electronic address list from John Tuteur:** no update
4. **Criteria for Neighbors in Need program:** Waiting for Evangeline to advise on the draft language of the program description, particularly the selection criteria. It was suggested that perhaps we should not use selective criteria, but that we should just find out who wants to receive assistance. Discussion ensued. Ken Van Oeveren will call Evangeline to ask her to response regarding the Neighbors in Need
5. **Trailer insurance:** completed
6. **Social Media Outreach:** postponed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The group discussed the need to develop a matrix of past projects and funding.
2. The landowner assistance available through the NCRS is appropriate for large property owners. If we are to target them with this information, how to identify them? The list of property owners that we are waiting for from Tuteur's office would be helpful. Perhaps those that own large parcels could be included in a coordinated project proposal to remove hazardous vegetation.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:00 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 25, 9 am
Joe Nordlinger's house, 4297 Dry Creek Road