



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

**DATE:** Saturday, January 7, 2017

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Nordlinger, Bill Robertson, Gary Green, Ken Van Oeveren, Russell Van Dewark, Joanne Sutro, Greg Holquist, Carole Meredith

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:** none

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 3, 2016 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Joseph Nordlinger reported that he spoke with Megan Scheeline (Cal Fire) about our Cal Fire SRA grant program awards and whether we might use the funds for work on Wall Road rather than the locations specified in the two proposals that were funded. She said that this would not be a problem and agreed that Wall Road is a priority. For Wall Road, we already have property owner permissions. She said the application is due at the end of January and that she will help with the necessary modification. Greg Holquist has received grant letters and application materials for the two LARs originally funded, so we will have to prepare new applications.

One of the funded LAR projects, the Oakville Ridge Road, is an important location but Cal Fire gives a lower priority to funding work on ridge roads because in the case of a fire, they can quickly create a fuel break with a bulldozer. Greg doesn't know whether we have any permissions from Oakville Ridge Road property owners. The other funded LAR, off Redwood Road, is more problematic because it is near a creek and presents environmental issues.

It was moved and passed that we combine the funds awarded for LAR 2 (\$117,000) and LAR 6 (\$35,000) and use them for Wall Road. We will add to this the \$10,000 we have already been awarded by NCCFF for Wall Road. And if we identify qualified Neighbors in Need applicants who are Wall Road residents, we could also use \$5,000 from the NIN fund.

Joe had nothing new to report regarding crew support from Joe Buchmeier.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** We have \$55,235.89 in the checking account. The amount in the reserve account was not reported. Ken Van Oeveren and Joe Nordlinger are working on the 2017 budget.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **1. PROJECT UPDATES:**

- a. **CWPP:** Joe is currently obtaining the necessary signatures
- b. **Neighbors in Need program:** Carole Meredith has incorporated the changes discussed at the last meeting into the application form. Two further modifications were approved – requiring the owner's signature in the case of applicants who are renters and increasing the maximum cost for work performed from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The group agreed that we should now make the application available via Nextdoor, the MVFSC website and via the neighborhood email list. We will also ask people to give the application to residents who don't use email or Nextdoor and who otherwise would not know of the program. Or people who know of such residents can give us their names. It was suggested that Greg Holquist might ask his sister to write a newspaper story about the program.

Jackson Family Wines, a Neighbors in Need donor, has requested a written acknowledgement of their donation. Ken Van Oeveren will ask Jason whether he has sent such a letter, as required by our bylaws.

Joe Nordlinger asked Joanne Sutro to update our fundraising letter to create a version for property owners who were threatened by the October 10 fire in our neighborhood.

2. **Website and shopping cart oversight:** Carole Meredith has consulted with Gary Green to resolve the problematic transactions in the MVFSC website shopping cart.
3. **Address signs:** Gary Green has given Joe Nordlinger the necessary information to take over purchasing supplies for the address signs.

## **EDUCATION AND EVENTS**

1. **Annual Community Open House and Breakfast:** This will be Saturday May 6 from 8 to 10:30 am. It was suggested that the program incorporate evacuation education.
2. **Newsletter:** The newsletter has historically been prepared jointly by the DCLVFD and the MVFSC. There has not been one for a while. Ken Van Oeveren will ask Erik Madison to take the lead in generating the next edition of the newsletter.
3. **Chris Prelitz event:** Carole Meredith reported that Mont La Salle seems to be the only possible venue for this event, but there will be a charge. It was suggested that we try to get the charges waived or reduced by connecting the facility scheduler with the person at Mont La Salle who is familiar with the numerous medical calls from Mont La Salle that the DCLVFD responds to.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Record keeping:** Ken Van Oeveren has sent out a list of the record keeping requirements. They should all be kept at the fire house. Evangeline James should be asked to send all her archived documents. Discussion ensued as to whether we need to maintain duplicate remote storage and whether we need hard copies of electronic documents. Ken will ask Evangeline what she has.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:40 am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, February 4, 9 am  
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