



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, August 24, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE: Kelly Wallace, Gary Green, Bill Robertson, Evangeline James, Ken Van Oeveren, Gary Margadant

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: July 27 minutes were approved

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: Fire Safe Council Conference, October 10 added to agenda

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Kelly Wallace gave a summary of this past spring's events and some of the objectives that the MVFSC has met. Kelly also reported that he received a telephone call from Volunteer Fire Company Chief Larry Russell who reinforced the partnership of the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Company and the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council. Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Company supports all of the activities and fire prevention projects that the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council has taken on and accomplished. Chief Russell views this partnership as a team with the same common goal, to protect the community from the devastating effects of fires

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Van Oeveren reported that the current bank account balance is \$26,997 as of August 22, 2013.

At mid-year the budget for the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council was revised and the changes were approved by the Dry Creek-Lokoya Board of Directors at their last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Grants:** Kelly Wallace spoke to Stephen Gort of the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, Chief Larry Russell of the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Company and Liron Galliano, the area grant manager for the California Fire Safe Council about the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council's intent to file a grant application for the 2014 grant cycle. Kelly spoke with Mr. Gort about the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation being able to apply for up to \$200,000. Kelly spoke to Liron Galliano about the possibility of two fiscal sponsors, the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire

Company and the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation. Liron told Kelly that the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council would be better off having the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation be its fiscal sponsor based on their recent history of success. A motion was made by Kelly Wallace to accept the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation as our fiscal sponsor for the 2014 grant cycle and passed unanimously. Kelly will contact Mr. Gort for a Letter of Commitment. All letters of commitment need to be acquired prior to the deadline for the grant which is September 17, 2013 at 5:00pm.

Bill Robertson went over the grant application to share the progress made toward completion. The project is to complete the Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break Project. Kelly Wallace will complete the dollar figures portion of the grant application.

2. **Events:** No events are planned at this time

3. **Project Updates:**

- a. **Green reflective signs:** Gary Green reported that he has collected the information on the addresses and emails. More orders for address signs keep coming in. The new signs are very prevalent as one drives through the area. Gary said that he has loaned some forms to Evangeline.
- b. **Firewood sales:** Steve Lagier brought firewood down from the Old Ridge Road project site that was on his and Carole's property and it is now at the Dry Creek Lokoya firehouse.

There will be a firewood cutting and splitting work party at the Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station on September 28 and 29. The firewood sales will be advertised on the MVFSC website and on Nextdoor Mount Veeder. Logistics will still need to be worked out.

- c. **Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break:** Gary Green said that the work is done for the year and will resume next spring depending on funds. Approximately one-fourth of the shaded fuel break has been completed and outstanding invoices have been paid in full.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Update on easement request to move fire prevention sign at Dry Creek and Orchard:** Kelly Wallace stated that he was following through on this issue. More to follow at the next meeting.
2. **Review of CWPP:** Evangeline James has started to organize the updating of the CWPP. She wants to discuss it by road. Evangeline's concern is that the watersheds include several roads and she thinks that the CWP would be better if it was organized by roads instead of watersheds.

Bill Robertson proposed bringing in Carol Rice to assist the MVFSC in refining the CWPP and to edit and update it. Evangeline requested Carol Rice's contact information and Kelly Wallace said he would contact her.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Safe Council Conference:** Bill Robertson brought to the group's attention that there will be a Fire Safe Council Conference in Oakland on Thursday October 10, 2013 at the Joaquin Miller Community Center (3594 Sanborn Drive) starting at 9:00 am. He encouraged everybody in the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council and in the Mount Veeder and Dry Creek community to attend this event, The focus of this event is community partnerships. Guest speakers include CAL FIRE Director Ken Pimlott, State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover, and Stephan Gort of the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, just to name a few. Bill said this is an ideal opportunity for the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council to get exposure to the folks that can be beneficial to our cause. Those interested need to register online at the California Fire Safe Council website. If we go as a group we can carpool.
2. The email database and transition from us mail to electronic mail was discussed. This was centered on the bi-annual newsletter that goes out to the community. Ken Van Oeveren wanted to share the address lists between Dry Creek-Lokoya and the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council. Evangeline James made a motion to share the list between the two groups and it was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 11:10 am

Next Meeting: Saturday September 28, 2013 at 8:30 am
DCL Firehouse, 5900 Dry Creek Road