



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, December 3, 2022

LOCATION: Basil Enan's residence, 6204 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Bob Clark, Joanne Sutro, Bill Robertson, Gary Green, Jeff Enos, Carole Meredith in person. Roger Provost, Paul Woodward, and Ken Van Oeveren by videoconference.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: Send cards to auction sponsors

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 22, 2022 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

Oakville Ridge Road: No update. Expecting an invoice from Carol Rice.

Rutherford Fire Risk Assessment: No update. Will start on the CWPP update after the Rutherford and Oakville Fire Risk Assessments are complete.

Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFE) updates:

Earmark Proposal Request from Feinstein: The NCFE grants team will meet with Cal Fire to discuss the matching funds that are required. The federal money will likely become available in June or July 2023.

Harlan/Phillips and Enchanted Hills: NCFE is continuing to pursue \$5.5 million in funding from the Cal Fire Forest Health Grant program. The grant window is expected to open in mid-December 2022. This will affect the east side of the Oakville Ridge and also Enchanted Hills.

Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant request: NCFE is continuing to pursue around \$7 million. Most will not be in the Mount Veeder area except for the Hogback matching funds.

FEMA BRIC: The NCFE grants team has assisted the county in submitting a Intent for \$50 million funding request, of which \$25 million will go to individual residents for home hardening and defensible space and \$25 million for fuel reduction projects, including vegetation management projects in the lower Dry Creek and lower Redwood areas.

Old NCFE business:

Approximately \$40,000 is remaining from the Dodd holiday fundraiser. This focus will be a small section of Walnut Lane (Lemke) and on the Cara Landry property on Campbell Ranch Road.

The FEMA Hazard Mitigation funding still looks promising. It will include money for the Nuns Complex area and also projects around the Rutherford Bench, the Veterans Home and 6 other projects in the MVFSC area, including work on the Landry loop.

Firewise Community certification: NCFE is asking Carol Rice to create a portal for each Fire Safe Council so that residents can be certified for insurance purposes. It will be a template-driven process whereby forms are submitted on the website.

PROJECT REPORTS

Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grant (FPG) (Jeff Enos, Project Manager): The maintenance project on the Lokoya Loop is not viable. It would be better to expand the firebreak.

Neon contact database (Joanne Sutro): Implementing this database has presented 2 major problems: 1) the data upload was not in the correct format but Neon did not tell us and 2) the database is designed for a standard non-profit but we have owners with multiple parcels and some don't even have addresses. Joanne is now working with a senior manager who is excellent. The data has been reformatted and around most records are in except 126 that have complexities like different last names and property held in a trust. There will be another meeting next week. We are hoping that they will make a financial adjustment to reflect our inability to make use of their system. An additional problem is that we have residents who are not owners of the property they live on.

Neighbors in Need (Roger Provost): The Mount Veeder Road project is ready to proceed. A crew needs to be scheduled. Ken Van Oeveren asked whether application had also been received from another Mount Veeder Road resident.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The MVFSC bank balance is \$150,508. The Home Winemakers Classic has a current balance of \$29,707.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: A property owner on Partrick Road complained that the roadside sign about wildfires is alarming and discourages would-be property buyers. Gary Green sent an email to him explaining that all the neighbors and local real estate agents know and support the sign. Gary has not received a response. We may want to update the content of the roadside signs.

Next Meeting: 9 am, January 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: 10:30 am