



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Saturday, January 28, 2023

LOCATION: Bob Clark's residence, 6300 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE: Joe Nordlinger, Cindy Kerson, Joanne Sutro, Jeff Enos, Gary Green, Bob Clark, Roger Provost, Bill Robertson, Carole Meredith, Jim Kately

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA: none

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the December 3, 2022 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

Oakville Ridge Road: The Fire Risk Assessment is complete.

Insurance symposium: This 2-day meeting will be led by the Galway Company on March 9 and 10. The participants will be insurance companies and winery and estate owners. Day 1 will be a combination trade shown and conference with the goal of educating the insurance companies, which have traditionally approached risk assessment based on loss history instead of preventative practices. Day 2 will be a field trip to see ignition resistant construction, firebreaks, retardant systems, etc.

Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFE) updates:

California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP): NCFE is pursuing this as a means to streamline the environmental review of multiple projects, including some in the MVFSC area, including the Old Ridge Road.

Napa Valley Vintners Association has raised \$1.6 million for 100 miles of dozer trails. This will include not only blading but also fuel reduction along both sides as well.

Napa RCD is interested in vegetation replacement with fire resilient species. This would be funded with private money so no environmental study would be required.

NC22 money from Napa County to NCFE will go to maintenance of previous projects, some of which are in the MVFSC area.

FEMA BRIC: The funding request submitted by Napa County with assistance from the NCFE grants team has reached the panelist review stage so there is a high probability it will be funded.

Old NCFE business:

The Landry property work funded by the Dodd holiday fundraiser is done except for 2 small Neighbors in Need projects.

PROJECT REPORTS

Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grant (FPG) (Jeff Enos, Project Manager): Jeff is working on the Veterans' Home fuel break. An expanded road right-of-way project is getting started. Letters will be sent out to property owners to encourage them to grant permission for clearing on their property adjacent to public roadways. Each road has its own budget. Mike Wilson of NCFE is running this. This will be supported by Cal Fire FPG funds and NC22 money.

Neon contact database (Joanne Sutro): We are making slow progress. We will need to use this database soon to generate a list of addresses for the mailing above and also for a related email blast. The communication for the roadside clearing project will be a test of Neon effectiveness for us.

Neighbors in Need (Roger Provost): There are two NIN projects on Mount Veeder Road and work will start next week.

Home Winemakers Classic (Cynthia Kerson): We already have \$6,000 in donations. We have lost some committee members so need to recruit some more.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The MVFSC bank balance is \$132,880.48. The Home Winemakers Classic has a current balance of \$30,744.54.

The proposed 2023 budget was approved, including \$3,000 for mailing.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

Next Meeting: 9 am, March 4, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: 10:40 am