



Oakland Firesafe Council
Board Meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2018
11140 Etrick Street, 94605
10:00 am- Noon
A G E N D A

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Old Business
 - a. Benchmark Study Update
 - b. Vegetation Management Plan and OWLS statement
 - c. Parking in the Hills/Evacuation Routes
 - i. Outreach to Realtor Associations/ Berkeley & Oakland re open houses and informing potential homeowners considering purchasing a home in the WUI
 - ii. Outreach to Air BnBs
4. Nick Luby—report on City of Austin's Fire Prevention approach
5. OFD Chief Darin White and Interim Fire Marshal William Weisgerber, Jr.

6. Workdays
 - a. May 5 National Wildfire Prevention Day
 - b. Broom pull on Claremont in 2019
7. Claremont Canyon Strategy
8. Next Meeting

Key Issues for OFSC in 2018

1. Defensible space—Structure vs/and Vegetation
2. Parking in the Hills/Evacuation Routes
3. Survival & Rebuilding or Preparation and Recovery
 - i. Monitoring OFD staffing levels
 - ii. Monitoring Vegetation Management Plan
 - iii. Motivation & Outreach



Legislative Meetings Talking Points

- The need for statewide standards on wildfire prevention/defensible space inspections, and a way to monitor inspections--similar to what is being proposed for commercial inspections. We noted that in many areas, the inspections are voluntary, or non-existent.
- The need for compulsory compliance, with an appeals process and an enforcement process.
- The need for a central clearing house for best practices so that cities, counties and districts do not have to reinvent the wheel. We noted that the Oakland Firesafe Council intends to fund a statewide best practices study on inspections, vegetation management implementation and enforcement of wildfire prevention efforts.
- The need for pre-fire assessment of traffic load studies on major evacuation routes so that we don't repeat the experience of last fall's North Bay fires.
- The need for more funding from Cal OES and CalFire to help Local Resource Areas (LRAs)-- cities like Oakland, San Diego, Long Beach, Santa Rosa, etc.--- prepared tree/vegetation studies, vegetation management plans, and to implement those plans.
- The desire to have a statewide law similar to the Alquist-Priolo legislation that mandates new homeowners sign a document that informs them that they are purchasing a home in a wildland/urban interface, and their responsibilities to maintain defensible space 365 days a year.
- The concern that with the "new normal" of a year-long fire season, that insurance companies will want to opt out of writing policies in high fire risk neighborhoods, forcing homeowners to the more expensive but less beneficial (less coverage) secondary and tertiary insurance markets.
- The need to encourage state and local agencies to work collaboratively on wildfire prevention, rather than remaining in their "silos".
- The feasibility of enabling legislation to establish regional wildfire prevention districts, because fire does not care about city borders.

The Oakland Firesafe Council is comprised of 1991 Tunnel Road Fire Survivors, former members of Oakland's Wildfire Prevention Assessment District Advisory Committee and stewards of parks/open spaces in the Oakland Hills. We bring our professional expertise as fire fighters, park supervisors, project managers, communication and business consultants to the table and are passionate and knowledgeable about the challenges that local resource areas like Oakland face in trying to strengthen our wildfire prevention efforts.