



Oakland Firesafe Council
July 6, 2015

Attending:

Lin Baron
Dinah Benson
Barbara Goldenberg
Gordon Piper
Sue Piper
Michael Schroeder
Allene Warren

1. Minutes of May 11—accepted as written
2. Treasurer's report—none
3. Approve privacy policy for approval at next meeting—redo under our name and post on website---on agenda for 16th

Gateway Fire Demonstration Garden— Flexibility as to timing; wait until after first rains to plant. Find out from Home Depot and their flexibility. Irrigation will take another month or so. Consider dedication at 25th anniversary in 2016 or do 0-5 foot pilot this year. Go sparse to begin with -plants grow wide, spacing is important to demonstrate—dirt showing

Go forward with display



Oakland PWA agreement with Peerless Coffee—all burlap coffee bags, using that instead of cardboard sheet mulch—through City—

4. Oakland City Budget Update: passed \$500,000 for 2016-17 , met with Council Member Annie Campbell Washington and Nayeli Maxon from District 4 and Olga Bolotina from Dan Kalb's Office to talk about other issues.
 - Tree Section—Calfire tree inventory- what we do next after inventory—Vegetation Management Plan—City, State properties as well as private – some consideration in that something akin to Urban Forest Management Plan.
 - Vegetation Management Plan—may need more money—RFQ-- number of trees, and state of health of trees—all of eucalyptus understress, major infestations of Australian Beetle—no healthy trees in that area-- North Oakland Sports Field—tree house up there—10 inch bolts, major tree house-- 20 feet high—Cal Tran property—contact CalTrans—
 - North Oakland Sportsfield—trails
 - Maintenance for 10 years—

Voter initiative process—down the road

6. FEMA Grant- Sue to meet with City's PIO, OFD and EBRP PIO to discuss how to present information. Dan Kalb and Annie Campbell Washington have a statement that is now undergoing review by the City Attorney. Michael Schroeder is working on a statement for publication with Jerry Kent, formerly of EBRP, and Carol Rice, EBRP FEMA Grant consultant.. Barbara said we should avoid terms such as *Removal*, *Logging*, *Thinning*- focus on the term *hazardous tree abatement*. FEMA Grant's goal is create healthy forests and reduce the risk of wildfire.



Michael Schroeder noted that we need to work with other organizations. He is concerned that the Sierra Club, by also suing FEMA, will be perceived in the same way as HCN and Save the East Bay Hills.

7. Other

- We discussed OFSC contacting UC Berkeley School of Forestry to do health assessment of clumps of eucalyptus—Shepherd Canyon, Golf Links Road, Skyline, Pinehurst, Thornhill, Ascot?—as Fred Booker and Michael Schroeder did in the North Oakland Sports Field. Sue to ask Cal Fire if they have done a recent aerial survey with a census of dead and dying trees by species
- Another issue is Boundaries, CC &Rs, easements—in our educational role, set up community meeting, these eucalyptus on Grass Valley, -- learn everything we can—healthy, what agencies might affect—

Shedding of eucalyptus, points to maintenance, tree stewardship—Vince will know - access to deeds—

- PRAC Orientation to Wildfire issues: Dinah Benson suggested that the OFSC or WPAD arrange to orient members of PRAC who are responsible for appeals on tree permits. They need to understand the fire prevention aspects. As an educational goal—OFSC go to PRAC, city ordinances with respect to vegetation.—process in appealing, take consideration of fire ordinances
- Meeting with the Auditor—The Auditor is doing a follow up performance evaluation of inspection process. Dinah Benson will inquire if Grand Jury will do a follow up to it's inquiry from last year. Report should be coming out soon.



The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be Friday, September 10 at 9 am.