



## OFSC Meeting on January 13, 2018 Draft Minutes

Dinah Benson  
Ken Benson  
Carolyn Burgess  
Steve Hanson  
Martin Matarrese  
Mike Petouhoff  
Sue Piper  
Bob Sieben  
Gary Sirbu  
Lin Baron  
*Darrel Dunston invited not present*  
Mike Killian  
Nick Vigilante

1. Minutes—approved
2. Treasurers report \$8,262 on hand with a \$5,000 contribution Signature Properties—for current total of \$ 13,262 but we will need to send \$1,900 to North Hills for Memorial Garden annual maintenance- approved
3. **Fund Raising effort—Ken**  
Thank you notes going out quickly and he noted that several checks for \$1,000 were received and we mailed 270 letters with 16 positives (donations), 2 letters returned and now it is time for your efforts to solicit from friends and colleagues. We are trying to raise \$50-60K for the statewide survey on inspections, how funded, best practices. Media coverage of OFSC has been growing—with recent fires, a lot of coverage – print, television and radio relative to fire prevention, quality of inspections background research department for East Bay Times reporters. This coverage has raised our recognition and awareness with the public at large.
4. **Public Safety Committee Report**—Mike Petahouff gave update that the City Committee accepted staff report as is, we had recommended for action—a proposal to review and analyze the possibility of interchangeable positions between fire building code and vegetation management inspectors. Pressure needs to be kept or direct follow up.
5. **Benchmark Study Update** PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, and KPMG (Big 4 look) at \$60,000 money they would not likely do this type of work but perhaps the Goldman School, Mills College, and others might assist with the study. Dinah to reach out to schools.



6. **Parking in the Hills**—Can't put up parking signs where there are not curbs and sidewalks—why can't they paint the asphalt red-- OFSC to go to Public Works as well as Public Safety Committee and advocate for no parking and the painted asphalt—looking at response times—Advocate for prevention and protection—do more for Piedmont Pines taken this on January 29- with Libby ask for report on pilot study why not paint red on the curbs and or asphalt where no curbs exist like Mill Valley and other cities already are doing? Discussion then focused on problems with Shepard Canyon Road with Mike and Lin to talk with Annie and Libby to follow up with the report from June—see how to get it moving. Snake Road is closed-- need to keep pressure on City as this is impacting access and egress.
7. Open Forum and discussion- Hazardous Tree Ordinance  
Updates on and commentary around:
  - Shepherd Canyon Road
  - Vegetation Management Plan
  - Parking/Traffic Study
  - Additional ideas for fundraising

Gary Sirbu: Fire safety issues—huge problems with Eucalyptus, 50-70 feet tall—winds—chards of bark come off. Trees across the street, the chards end up in my back yard—extreme fire hazard, laden with Eucalyptus

**Hazardous tree ordinance**—modified—just updated last year—provides an immediate threat to surrounding area—(branches things fall) when that happens, neighbor have a right to start a compliant, arbitration process between land owner and complainer—amend ordinance, criteria for hazard, whether tree is dangers for spread of fire in a firestorm. Open public lands—tree modifications there---- send a certified letter—making them aware of hazard. Put on March 3 agenda

Open for LAFCO

Adjourned 12:26.

### **Next Meeting**

March 3

Invite Brenda Roberts