



## Minutes of OFSC for 11/4/17 Meeting

### Members Present:

Mike Killian  
Ken Benson  
Allman Matarrese  
Dinah Benson  
Martin Matarrese  
Bob Sieben  
Gordon Piper  
Sue Piper  
Nick Vigilante  
Allene Warren  
Glen Dahlbacka  
Barbara Goldenberg

Minutes—approved

Treasurer's Report 2478.89 in Bank, 1900 is earmarked for  
NHCA -- Submit the bills—to OFSC --Send notice to Claremont—Sue in January to  
Signature properties

### 1. **December 5 Public Safety Committee-**

This was discussed and the Board felt it needed to see the report before meeting with the Chief and his assistant Pat Sierra.

This year's inspection best we have had to date calling more properties out of compliance. Yet our study showed that many properties that were passed did not actually comply.

### 2. **Vegetation Plan---**

OFSC needs to be on top of watching it; OWLs know their properties the best, need to be ready to provide input. Oak Knoll SunCal setting up special district to maintain the parkway-Dinah Benson reported.

City had not released the Vegetation Plan at the time of the meeting.

3. **Parking in the Hills**—Nick sent email to Annie, Fire Chief, adopt an ordinance for 11 foot minimum standard, unless a no parking sign, nothing that you can do. Some form of education—11 foot, issuing violations. Need 7 minute rule (national standard) for first responder to get there. Have fire department response times in the city for the paramedics—what they are telling us for certain areas. OFSC Public



Records request—possibility for another OFSC informational report in 2018 on response times.

Need for a Parking simple flyer for homeowners.

#### **4. New Fire Chief Darrin White, November 6, 7-9pm at Montera School—conversation, disaster preparedness, vegetation management fire safety component—**

Red Flag called—didn't close Joaquin Miller Park until next day; 48 hour stand by—formal complaint, neither went on Nixle or Alameda Alert—when it grew to 17 we should be given an alert. Failure between dispatch and the alerts—

Local alerts -RAWS—if NOAA declares it, go with it -have party in community center but park on the street.—AC Alerts—at November 6  
East Bay hills -means us and Mount Diablo.

Regional Park District, Cal Fire in Oakland have to coordinate—tiered system for closing parks, earlier in season when red flag weather, just warn, then in September/October tier up.; City ordinance not tiered at all. Ordinance needs to be looked at. Who handles it now, bring it up in winter, printed on 8 x 11 on barricade, Look official, enforce it, and do it when important to close the park. Plan to get people out of park from 5-7-- need to coordinate with EB Regional Park---Martin and Barbara draft a request to Public Safety Committee—bring it in 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

#### **4. RFP for Best Practices Survey**

Look statewide what other districts, cities and counties doing relative to wildland urban interface, inspection process, financing process and policies and procedures; gives us good information on statewide comparison.

(Our Lidar update not in system—PUC kicking the updated Wildland mapping down the road, no update since 2002—true hazard zones—15 years late and multiple disasters—state highly exposed—Nancy Skinner—State Senator—Dinah & Nick to contact her regarding this matter.

#### **5. Fundraising campaign using improvement in strategies for wildland interface—vehicle of ask to be our possible statewide study of fire prevention and inspection practices-**

Possible targets for the campaign were discussed  
Chamber of Commerce—Barbara Leslie—

Phil Tagami--Sue



Local 55—Sue

Claremont Hotel- Sue

Talk to Jessica Reynolds for her ideas and input on campaign targets and Sue to send letter to the Rockefeller Foundation about possible grant.

Verizon, AT&T, Comcast

Other Firesafe Council—to other fire safe councils and Fire wise communities—

State Firewise Councils have money—infrastructure state building codes, education of people about own homes—Barbara talk with Cheryl Miller regarding CalFire grants

Ask all the HOAs--

Remit envelopes—designated account

Multi faceted ask—how much asking—subset—campaign role, designate—raise full \$60,000 if we raise more than that, ask the funds above the need lock set aside, who could funds spent or returned-- some not specific generally for OFSC or specific statewide study.—Dinah and Sue, Glen, Barbara—do by next week; Ask the big firms by Thanksgiving, send out letter to individual donors after Thanksgiving.

Grant Station memberships—a dozen potential grants--

#### **6. North Bay Fires and Raising Awareness:**

Bob—publish 5 steps to make home firesafe in Claremont Living

Bob applied with Ken Pimlot—do a joint presentation in Reno—unrealized potential, getting home owners to step up to plate, successes and failures in home owners.

NFPA—invited Bob to be WUI ambassador, build network in wildland February 27-March 1 in Reno.

Claremont Conservancy Meeting November at Claremont Hotel Safety Fair—talked to Safety Coordinator—Claremont Canyon and hotel is at high risk; Fire resistant demonstration garden - Fairmont Group—City Country crew work public and private street properties -10 year plan—

Fire protection plan for Claremont Canyon—be a participant-- suggest Claremont Canyon Conservancy to take the lead—Sue and Gordon to talk with Tim Wallace re taking lead

Economic impacts from fires up North—their economic engine tourism and agriculture—devastated. A lot of revenues, on top of that, every home owner who has lost house gotten property tax reduced, no transfer tax—it was bad in Oakland, but North Bay so unbelievably disastrous. \$8 billion loss tied to fires.



Law suit against PG&E and what we might partner with PG&E – Burriss Law Group—interested in fire safety—what they list in law suit, are they applicable in Oakland. Causation will be a major issue

**6. OFSC and City Effort, junky state properties—Caltrans—**

We have areas old connector road between 13 and 24, homeless encampments—go on Caltrans district maintenance to put on line maintenance request. Broom grows back-- Caltrans state property—debris, fire prone trees survey all Cal trans properties; CalFire not spent all fire prevention funds—Fire chief and OFSC-- specific recommendations—what we want to see – get fire prevention money—homeless encampments—don't monitor it effectively- don't move quickly enough.

Nick—Joe Devries meets with Cal trans, EBMUD, PG&E every other month— Public Records Request—re status of defensible space on these public properties-- Use on line service request—

Do a survey- Next meeting—compare it to nearby communities—Lafayette—Gordon and Sue make proposal for next meeting

January 13, 2018 at 10a.m. meeting Ken and Dinah's 11140 Ettrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605

Future agenda—review of how homeless encampments are dealt with.

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