



Oakland Firesafe Council Minutes of April 28, 2014 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11 am at 33 Hiller Drive, Oakland, CA

Present:

Mike Kilian- Treasurer
Dinah Benson- Secretary
Ken Benson- Vice Chair
Susan Piper- Chair

Administrative Issues

- Conflict of Interest Policy—Ken moved to accept and implement as written, second by Mike; approved unanimously.
- Bylaws—Ken move to accept bylaws as presented, Mike seconded; approved unanimously
- Treasurer's report—Currently no funds; board members to meet at Wells Fargo Bank in Montclair to open an account with \$250.
- Mike will complete the application for IRS Form 1023, Part IV once he receives the narrative from Sue. He will also complete the FTB Form 3500.
- Mike mailed out statement of domestic officers

Potential Additional Board Members—The committee came up with a working list of potential board members. The list includes current and former members of the WPAD and geographic representatives from the areas within the Oakland hills:

- Allene Warren--
- Lin Barron from OWLS
- Barry Pilger
- Barbara Goldenberg



- James Williams, Sr
- Kendra Sutherland
- Bob Sieben
- Doug Wong
- Jay Ashford-Redwood Heights
- Nick Heidorn
- Doug Mosher

The maximum number of board members is 15. Chair Sue Piper will contact the potential board members and invite them to the next meeting.

Website—Sue distributed proposed content. Jessica Reynolds agreed to develop a logo pro bono. We suggested that the image represent preventing of a fire, or stopping of fire spreading—something that shows Oakland in a simple vision. Our goal is to have the logo design in time for the June meeting. Mike said we will have Paypal capabilities once we get our IRS exemption.

Distributing The Homeowner’s Guide to Wildfire Prevention by Bob Sieben: Ken suggested pay for 50 copies printed with our logo and permission to post a summary PDF on the website that we would offer for free. We would provide a link where interested parties could purchase the complete book for a small fee, such as \$10 or so. We might want to see what Amazon.com might be charging, once Bob works out a distribution with them so that our fee would be compatible. Ken suggested we might ask the entire network of Firesafe Councils to consider distributing the book, as well.

Outreach: Ken suggested we take a few copies of the book and use them as a raffle or incentive as we go to Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils (NCPC’s), homeowners associations and other groups to provide tips and training on vegetation management.

Launch: it was suggested that we launch the Council either in the summer or in September during the height of the fire season.



Next meeting: June 27 11-Noon, Benson's House

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am