



OFSC 8-13-16 Meeting Minutes

Sue Piper
Ken Benson
Dinah Benson
Lin Baron
Carolyn Burgess
Nick Vigilante
Barbara Goldenberg
Michael Kilian

1. Meeting called to order 10:07am
2. Minutes of 6-11-2016 OFSC Meeting approved.
3. Treasurer's report—Michael gave the report, \$1,366.55 on hand. No new donations. All required filings are complete on our 501c3.
4. **Gateway Demonstration Garden Update-** The volunteers have been busy and Gateway in good shape. Awaiting the installation of the final panels at the exhibit center. Sue felt that this could possibly be done in advance of the 25th Anniversary. Sue mentioned that Nayeli Maxson in Annie's offices was leaving the City and that this may have an impact in the short term on gaining quick responses and actions. Discussion focused on the mailing list from Lin Barron of the Friends of Montclair RR.
5. **Parking in the Hills/Evacuation Routes-** This topic needs to be refocused and discussion led to suggesting Chair send a letter to Sabrina and the Mayor, and Annie and Dan seeking that it be front and center. We have done our volunteer work and mapped and measured roads in the hills and this was sent to Annie Campbell-Washington, Dan Kalb and Sabrina Landreth. This appears to be losing steam as we enter the election season and we all agree that we would hate to have that happen. This needs the City's attention and especially it deserves be addressed in high fire season. Stay tuned.



6. **Past OFSC possible projects and initiatives-** PG&E gas shut off valves-Sue to contact Claudia de Cappio at the City where this stands within the City of Oakland's safety and sustainability plans. Nick Vigilante and MSIC—reach out to Tom Guarino the Community Liaison at PG&E to see if they might be interested in putting together collaborative program to educate the community on gas shut off valves. Firewise Checklist should be used as both an available document on our website for downloading and as a handout at Community Outreach. Dead and dying tree survey-Dinah discussed outreach to UC Professor and that they were interested though he was in Italy until early 2017. Group felt that this could be a good project with our group providing volunteers to use the UC data gathering tool and perhaps we could pilot with the Knowland Park area. Further discussion after the return of the UC Professor and access to the smartphone app tool.
7. **FEMA Grant/Vegetation Management Plan Update-** No action yet in finalizing Vegetation Management Consultant contract yet by City and Fire Department. Discussion around the Feds plans to drop both UC and City of Oakland from the FEMA grant.
8. **Preparing for new District-** Board discussed several general topics like how best to create entities or projects that utilized volunteers and did work on public parcels but all felt that there had to be better and more willing cooperation by and from the City staff. Could the new District operate more like a non-profit and granting organization for selected vegetation projects? Board felt more information was needed and would invite guests that could help with this possible new approach to future OFSC meetings. Sue would invite former City Attorney Mark Morodomi to attend the next meeting. Ken would try and find someone from Walnut Creek Open Space and the City to try and come to future meetings.
9. **Next Meeting Saturday, September 10** at Sue's time to be based upon Mark Morodomi's schedule and availability.

Open Forum:



Nick voiced concern on how Vincent and the City had responded on the question of Shepard Canyon clearance project and how the whole emergency contract had come to be. Sue said she would check with City on how PRAC and Parks handle their hazardous trees and their removal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27am.