Oakland Firesafe Council

Oakland Firesafe Council Meeting Minutes 09-15-2015

In attendance:
Dinah Benson
Jerry Kent
Dee Rosario
Sue Piper (by phone)
Michael Kilian
Barbara Goldenberg
Martin Matarrese
Carolyn Burgess
Charlie Michelson (Candidate District 4)
Roger Phelps
Robert Sieben
Gary Sirbu
Stan Weisner
Lin Barron

Meeting called to order 10:07am

1.) Introductions
2.) Minutes – Approval of the 07-07-2018 minutes
3.) Treasurers Report – Michael Kilian reported that we had $17,562.00 on hand. Report moved and seconded and accepted as presented.
4.) Old Business-
    a. Benchmark Study – Sue Piper gave a brief update that we are trying to find a graduate intern from UC Berkeley or Mills College to take on the work of the survey and benchmark effort.
    b. Vegetation Management Plan – Lively discussion reviewing the concerted push at the July Public Safety Meeting of the City Council Committee to posit ours and the OWLs displeasure with the lack of specificity, details, and cost forecasting capabilities of or with the VMP as currently drafted. The Public Safety Committee agreed with us and the Chair Desley Brooks took action to require staff to ask the consultants to provide the specificity and she instructed City staff to allocate sufficient funding to allow the consultants to address the needed details, specificity, and cost estimations. As of our meeting Sue Piper reported that there had not been any additional funding or requests of additional funding to ensure this was being done with the Draft VMP. Pressure would need to be applied to the council and Mayor to ensure these actions were followed through upon.
    c. Parking in the Hills and Evacuation Routes – Carolyn Burgess gave an update of the status of the Councils actions as to further the parking restrictions trials in the North Oakland Hills. There was lively discussion around the need for traffic studies by the group and that pressure or advocacy would need to be applied to the Council, The