



## Minutes of Oakland Firesafe Council 9/23/2017

Mike Killian  
Dinah Benson  
Ken Benson  
Gordon Piper  
Sue Piper  
Nick Vigilante  
Bob Sieben  
Steve Hanson  
Carolyn Burgess

Meeting Called to Order at 10:05am

Minutes—approved from prior meeting  
Treasurer's Report—\$2,492.89

### Old Business

1. Follow up with Wildfire Prevention Issues—meeting on 9-11-17- Meet with City Administrator discussed hiring, current staffing, and desired next steps.
2. Collaboration with UP and DFSC- On a pilot study- chair provided overview.
3. Veg Management Plan- it was thought that it would be out by early October and Board discussed readiness to review and participate in public meetings.
4. Parking in the Hills – Nothing new as this seems to have dropped off the Councils radar.
5. Oakland Fire Chief Search – Steve Hanson gave a briefing on the interview process and the Board discussed the unfilled search for the new Chief.

New Business- Report to Public Safety Committee



1. Draft Report approved by the Board and the chair was instructed to make draft ready for the Public Safety Committee. Prepare supporting PowerPoint and data file for City Staff.
2. Board approved OFSC name on NHCA letter to Public Safety.
3. Board discussed doing an independent study of other jurisdictions and wildfire prevention and inspections. It considered and asked that Ken Benson draft a study or proposal draft. Board members discussed the possibility of raising \$30,000 to \$40,000 and then possibly going to a reputable firm such as Ernst and Young to do the study.
4. Board discussed an easy to read and understand single one page flyer on maintaining defensible space for distribution and Steve Hanson said to use CalFire one pager.
5. Other: Gordon Piper discussed the rise homeless encampments—Every big tree between tunnel and Rockridge BART Station was a potential home and that there were multiple homeless encampments on Berkeley/Oakland line, on Cal trans property; North Oakland Sports Field as an example.

Next meeting: November 4 at 10am at 33 Hiller Drive but subsequently changed to Benson's residence at 11140 Etrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605.