



Oakland Firesafe Council  
Board Meeting  
February 11, 2017  
33 Hiller Drive, Oakland 94618  
10:30 pm- Noon

Board Members in attendance: Carolyn Burgess, Nick Vigilante, Dinah Benson, Ken Benson, Martin Mataresse, and Sue Piper

1. Public and Board Open Discussion on inability to fill Fire Inspector Positions- Feed to Brenda Roberts--- Contra Costa County requirements for Fire Inspector—document process—not filling inspector inspections, training was adequate, not being managed appropriate—

Red flag—two points of pursuit:

Compare and contrast Oakland’s vs Alameda, Contra Costa County and cities—able to perform all of the duties

Second, given the HR practices of city, there had to be documentation of position and its requirements—has that changed under this chief, vs. prior chiefs, and job analysis.

2. Approval of Minutes- Approved as mailed.
3. Treasurer’s Report – See Last month’s report.
4. Old Business
  - a. Gateway Fire Resistant Garden – no new update.
  - b. Parking in the Hills/Evacuation Routes - implemented pilot program (Nick) Merriewood, Butters, Westover, -NHCA-public safety on 23 of February Meeting at MPC
  - c. FEMA Grant/Vegetation Management Plan—Help in 2017/2018 with City of Oakland and Oakland Hills tree survey using Android, Smart, SF Urban Forest Tree Survey, SOD AP. UC visiting professor Matteo has one that is just a tree app—based on open stack API architecture; City of Oakland IT needs referential capability to API information from those 3 things, tagged, by GPS location.— free—cost of Oakland’s maintaining over a period of time. This plan is for the purposes of public safety, always have to be first filter—human safety comes, first, biodiversity comes second.
    - a. Keeping insurance rates reasonable by doing this kind of work.



- b. Vegetation management plan—City is single largest landowner in WUI, needs a plan for how it's going to manage vegetation load appropriately. Will help us with wildfire, also help city in managing vegetation on its own properties with its limited expenses.
  - c. Show which pieces of projects can be handled by volunteers need—public/private partnerships and better acceptance by City Staff.
  - d. Recommendations based on available and peer-reviewed research and the Oakland/state fire code.
  - e. Priorities of project- scientific point—ranked most dangerous open space public spaces
  - f. Projects different from ongoing annual maintenance—ingress and egress public safety and perimeters of open spaces.
5. Budget - Update on current and year and year 2 plan—in 10 days, revised 5 year financial forecast:
  - a. Revised 5 year forecast—a 10 to 15 million shortfall in year one in revenue, a 20 -25 million shortfall in year 2—not factored recent retrenchment in CalPERS on estimated rate of return. Real estate transfer tax wasn't as high, and city spent more.
  - b. \$500,000 according to Annie and at that session appears to be safe, earmarked funds already voted for in future. No current year budget—less money----that means Mayor already said, unwilling fund new commissions-
  - c. March/April and early May—given suggestions of cuts, don't touch goat grazing and required vegetation management components to maintain adequate safety in Oakland hills.
  - d. Using NHCA as a budget meeting with Mayor—
6. Outreach - Earth Expo—Schedule for Summer Fairs—will borrow Nick's Canopy
7. Collaboration with United Policyholders -Working collaboratively with them on when insurance is cancelled and how people are ranked in terms of WUI districts.
8. Continuing Discussion on Structure of a New Wildfire Prevention District- no new discussion
9. Next Meeting- April 29 at 10am at 33 Hiller Drive, Oakland, CA 94618