



The Oakland Firesafe Council
www.oaklandfiresafecouncil.org

Minutes of 8-10-19

Present:

Lin Baron
Ken Benson
Carolyn Burgess
Delores Casey (Chabot Park Highland HOA Fire Committee CPHHOAFC)
Kelly Cuthbertson
Roger Phelps (CPHHOAFC)
Barbara Goldenberg
Jon Kaufman
Jerry Kent
Leila Moncharsh
Doug Mosher
Bob Myers
Linda Olvera
Sue Piper
Robert Sieben
Neil Srinivasin
Elizabeth Stage
Angel Bobo (CPHHOAFC)

Meeting Called to order at 10:05 am

Minutes approved as mailed

Bob Sieben mentioned and passed around the Chronicle today –Mill Valley enforcing extreme rules about homeowners keeping property in vegetation compliance for wildfire safety.

1. Treasurer's Report- Donations—direct from IRA- count's as RMD, not taxed as part of withdrawal—get a checkbook from your IRA provider-
2. Vegetation Management Plan—waiting to hear if it is coming to Public Safety in September. We should plan for the worst expectation- and we get a plan that lacks specific plans as a criterion to support a new district
3. Status of Resolution Proposal—Sheng Thao is supposed to bring it to Council in September—waiting to hear when it is scheduled. Sue to send link re: Mill Valley ordinance link to all Council members
4. Oakland CPR—Doug Mosher, Oakland Community Preparedness and Readiness coordinator, Gave a update on OCPR so far and its goals to make a difference in community by organizing neighborhoods to be prepared for earthquakes and fires. Got \$125,000 Cal Fire Grant and a \$125,000 match



The Oakland Firesafe Council

www.oaklandfiresafecouncil.org

from City of Oakland. Two year program, starting officially in September.
Educational grant—awareness, workshops, multimedia handouts

Get people to organize--; have people better equipped to respond—CORE (when available again), Firewise USA do work among residents, make area more firesafe, (advantages more fire safe, and may get insurance advantages); Evacuation procedures, shelters in the hills, supplies, emergency radio communications.

First meeting planning team—best approach evacuation as the hook—working with NCPCs, Neighborhood Associations, connect with you – start in January—CalFire was Oakland Hills East of 580 and 13; addition of City funds will allow us to go to foothills

Berkeley did evacuation drill—
Evacuation planning—Chabot Park Highlands Park Association Fire Safety Committee—

Doug has met with council members from Districts 1, 4, 6 waiting to meet with 7—all totally behind us. Community Driven, met with OES, OFD, Piedmont Fire Chief, San Leandro, Alameda Fire—draw on their information—a lot of subject matter experts—evacuation side—OFD and OPD aware of issue

Need to pull in people from part of community that didn't live here 20 years ago, younger families—help us find people spark plugs among that groups—work with other entities—business districts—Montclair Village Association—restaurants—gas shut valves-, Chabot Space and Science as a sheltering area. NHCA Public Safety Committee August 22 at 7pm at Montclair Presbyterian Church on Thornhill Road—Doug will be at the meeting.

5. Regional Wildfire Prevention Management Districts— Jon Kaufman gave an update- purpose is ultimately to address and fund vegetation management to reduce damage from Wildfires. A local agency makes plans, but with few exceptions, no one actually executes these plans. Turn to State – it has the dollars to do vegetation management ; have a broader jurisdiction than local jurisdiction; Jon asked I anyone knew of or had personal contacts with Senator Stern, Ventura, Senator McGuire, Marin ; Sonoma
Jon and the ad-hoc team is currently working with Council of County Supervisors and with the League of Cities in working this term from the grass roots local level back to Sacramento.
Sue has had access to McGuire in Sonoma.



The Oakland Firesafe Council
www.oaklandfiresafecouncil.org

6. Should we include Berkeley-- --yes our charge does say Alameda County—already in our charter.
7. Monitoring—report sent to Sue, asked to put on Public Safety Committee and then on the City’s website.
8. Consolidation of inspectors—keep following up
9. Send a letter to PWA and OFD to coordinate Adopt a Spot—PG&E, lot – ongoing problem for last 10 years-- OFSC send a letter get adopt a spot portion of Public Works involved in trying to coordinate—PG&E don’t talk to each other—send to PG&E, EBMUD—Lin has been dealing with this for 10 years on MRR Trail. Ken met with new director level of Emergency Preparedness and Response for PG&E—finally organizing emergency wildfire and or response under one umbrella—just now occurring. City doesn’t know where PG&E Easements area. Unanimous approval for Sue to send the letters.
10. Write letter OFSC—and individuals to re SP 190 and SAP 209 and AB 38 and AB 1668
11. DFSC—received grants to sub grant \$5,000 grants to homeowners—if you have a problem in your neighborhood- to help with vegetation management—sweat equity and volunteerism helps—matching grant-grants can only pay contractors—Meets third Thursday every month 9:30 am San Pablo Dam Road, EBMUD facility
12. Outreach—Need Volunteers—Contact Wendy Tokuda
 - a. Stream to Bay Day at Beaconsfield Canyon on 9/21 Saturday 9- 12.
 - b. We’re going to request a 30 cu yard dumpster
 - c. 2. Broom Pull at the Chabot Observatory with Friends of Sausal Creek. 10/19 Saturday, probably 9:30 - 1
 - d. 3. PAL Camp tentatively 11/16 Saturday, 9:30 -1
13. Lelia Moncharsh—Resolution – thank everyone—set as a priority, Fire issues. Head Royce School—vegetation Management, on and off again—NSC website—take pictures and put on website, so parents can see it—so school is ore attentive; OFD reports show out of compliance—put on website—parents can ask questions of trustees. Fire Department changing system—can’t find out whether Head Royce complying—they post those certificates when in compliance—no way of countering that. OFD – fine system, pay the



The Oakland Firesafe Council
www.oaklandfiresafecouncil.org

fine or not. Evacuation on Lincoln is already tapped—Head Royce a 1250 student school with more staff—evacuation on Lincoln. Finding someone knowledgeable about evacuation—what is real and what is not—if we can't evacuate safely, shouldn't have more students.

14. Bob—Rossmoor—1 way in and out, can't build more. Gorse—Mandatory removal in Mill Valley, full copy in Chronicle. Tips for dealing with power failure—(Upgraded recommendations). Walk around inspection with him on Aiken—get people interested. September
15. Carolyn- August 22, Public Safety Meeting, on Earthquake preparedness, EBMUD—power outages 7 pm
16. Doug- elders understand assistant technology- new sensors mount on stove to control stove-turn off stove—presenting at Contra Costa Fire Week, working with elder groups for electricians
17. Neil—ability all of us to get information—neighbors and properties, reached out to technical system. Follow up with Captain Sanders on where Accela is
18. United Policyholders—support
19. Fund Raising for OFSC—advocates to communicate, meetings,-

Next Meeting—September 14, --

Adjourned at 11:40 am