



Oakland Firesafe Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2019

11140 Ettrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605  
10-Noon

Present:

Ken Benson

Renee Cameto (CABS)

Glen Dahlbaka D6

Steve Hanson (NHCA)

Marty Kaplan (CABS)

Jerry Kent (CCC)

Michael Killian

Susan Piper

Neil Planchon lives in 13Z

Elizabeth Stage (NHCA/CCC)

Nick Vigilante MNA

Doug Wong D4

Meeting called to order at 10:04am by the Chair

1. Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2019—As mailed.
2. Treasurer's Report-In bank 17826.14, no checks outstanding
3. Old Business
  - a. Vegetation Management Plan –Watch for Public Safety Committee agenda in - Public Safety—met with Fire Marshal last week—he doesn't know when it will be out.  
Each of us can follow up with our council members—18 months to ask why it hasn't come back to Public Safety—**open forum at public safety**

- b. Status of Resolution Proposal—follow up with Sheng on status—importance of making a stated priority—gets applied to capital improvement projects as a key filter.
  - c. Oakland CPR--Neighborhood Organizing Update- Doug Mosher reported that OCPR is focusing on three fast track Firewise groups—CABS, Ken’s in D7 (Chabot Highlands) and one in Hiller Highlands—launch the rest in January; next month—work with Doug and Dee on prioritizing highly vulnerable neighbors, and those already organized. Also working on curriculum. Messaging—home hardening, defensible space—walk abouts.
  - d. Status of Efforts to Establish Regional Wildfire Prevention Management Districts- Ad Hoc Committee Report: Jerry Kent; AB38 had a billion \$ fund for home hardening, and administrative structure for statewide wildfire prevention board and 18 regionals—Money taken out, administrative part—now a 2 year bill—joint powers agreement of OES and CalFire—2 key state agencies that deal with planning and fire prevention—to develop minimum standards for home hardening and defensible space. No \$\$ in it, sets up procedures those joint power agencies work with any agency in CA or counties that can implement the program, implement program in those counties. Our group still working on establishing an administrative structure, Wildfire prevention program in WUIS—big debate is up in Sierra, with dead trees and flammable forest, our issue isn’t there—our issue is WUIs where people are. We are advocating state agency other than CalFire develop policy—one of agencies that implement would be Firesafe Councils.
  - e. Consolidation of Inspectors—status by January fully integrated- doing a workload study to see how many inspectors they need for both commercial and vegetation management—we recommended HR pan of action with milestones doing it in a way that is professional we can measure
  - f. Public Safety Committee monitoring of inspections of public and private property- -- Update of status of OFD Strategic Plan and need for public process--
  - g. Coordinating Adopt A Spot with Vegetation Management Contracts
4. New Business - Full loading of Vegetation Management Budget into OFD Account—Sue
- Martin M: Predicts AB 1066 will have a significant impact on urban goat grazing operational cost by raising goat herder salaries by about 51%. Some ranchers will probably drop out of the market while others will raise their bid prices to offset the salary increase.
5. Outreach
- a. OCPR Planning Meeting 9/10 7-9
  - b. Stream to Bay Day at Beaconsfield Canyon on 9/21 Saturday 9- 12. Help on 21st
  - c. Broom Pull at the Chabot Observatory with Friends of Sausal Creek. 10/19 Saturday, probably 9:30 – 1

- d. FOSC Plant sale, Sunday, October 20, 2019-- Tabling
- e. PAL Camp tentatively 11/16 Saturday, 9:30 -1—Ken will work it

Additionally, discussed these upcoming outreach opportunities:

Monday September 16, Friends of JM Park (pm) annual meeting—Wendy Tokuda Guest speaker

Nick-Montclair Neighborhood Council, quarterly meeting Thursday, October 3 7-9 at MPC—key note Doug Mosher O CPR, Deputy Chief Brandon Baranco for Sheng Thao—other items on agenda as well-- issue with Heather Ridge Way of road closures—try start an O CPR test pilot program work on veg management parking on street, access and egress, and other road condition problems.

6. Open discussion - Ken—trails and fire road signs need better mapping and signing of fire roads re mutual aid—need to continue trails—goes with evacuation routes—Marin best practices—not a requirement for county fire or CalFire, but is for sheriff’s department and local police department—if we want to force evacuation planning, it is a police department sheriff’s department function- pts. Of leverage – Fire Chief White has the power to declare evacuation route for his vehicles to use. Emergency preparedness coordination of the city and the county is within OFD—lack of mindfulness, however CORE has withered on the vine,

For the October Meeting—Conservancy—Joe McBride’s Cal’s Veg Plan for Oakland Hills above Cal—if CC plan for us to look at us, that is the next EIR in the Bay Area debate thinning vs. conversion—Thinning doesn’t work, just harden your homes, leave vegetation alone, and then run when fire comes. Joe is top forester in Bay Area—prepared a plan to look at Thursday night. Recommending conversation of eucalyptus to native vegetation which means removal and not simply thinning. 2<sup>nd</sup> issue brought up by Jerry Kent —Discussion of a Master’s thesis UC San Jose scientist on what a Diablo wind is, technical movement of air across the hills that can be measured—talk about what is Diablo wind how to measure it and when is it coming—monitoring like a flood .

Help local and state office politicians know that State needs to redirect billions to go into LRAs where most people live and where there is the biggest risk for loss of life and property.

Neil—Open Oakland – Code for America making data easier—Council Manic—finding and looking at – send link—Open Budget Oakland--

Meeting adjourned 11:20am

Next Meeting 10-12-19 at 10 is at 11140 Ettrick Street Oakland, CA 94605