



Oakland Firesafe Council
Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2019

11140 Etrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605
10-Noon

Called To Order 10:07am

Present

Ken Benson
Lisa Jacobs
Jon Kaufman
Jerry Kent
Gordon Piper
Neil Planchon
Bob Sieben

1. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2019—approved as mailed
2. Treasurer’s Report adjusted bank balance \$17174.00 two outstanding checks 632 for David Leafhopper
3. Old Business
 - a. **Vegetation Management Plan** –Watch for Public Safety Committee agenda in December—will need review and speakers; letters—staff has a draft; concerns how to factor in herbicide, pesticide issues—shooting for **December 3**;heard specificity; not sure if projects in there. McBride Plan is an example.
 - b. **Status of Resolution Proposal**—on Councilmember Sheng Thao’s desk;
 - c. **Oakland CPR**--Neighborhood Organizing Update- Doug Mosher—moving along—two Core groups applying for Firewise status.; planning to launch in January—working on messaging and collateral.
 - d. **Status of Efforts to Establish Regional Wildfire Prevention Management Districts**-Ad Hoc Committee Report: Jon Kaufman;-all legislation approved by Governor, regional not there, people gun shy about establishing new entities; reaching out to other Firesafe Councils across the state to building grassroots effort. Look at current legislation that has been approved, and see opportunities for regional approach. Firesafe Marin is already doing a regional effort.7 contract CalFire agencies all doing fine; Plan B for Alameda/Contra Costa get HEF into more activist mode, JPA in two counties 3 of our supervisorial seats are up this time; might be a greater acceptance from Alameda perspective.
 - e. **Consolidation of Inspectors**—should be complete by January
 - f. **Public Safety Committee monitoring of inspections of public and private property**-thanked Dan and Sheng for publishing the report



- g. **Coordinating Adopt A Spot with Vegetation Management Contracts**—Lisa to talk with Jason Mitchell about better communication; currently PWA/OFD position don't plant anything even fire resistant.
- h. **Full loading of Vegetation Management Budget into OFD Account**—Word from BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION – some of those things got delayed when Budget Director Katano Kasaine retired.

4. New Business

- a. **Key elements of McBride/Claremont Canyon Conservancy Vegetation Management Plan** <http://www.claremontcanyon.org/fuel-management-proposal>—Jon-- idea to spread word about it—to consultants, Jason Mitchell and Angela Robinson-Pinon; A short plan, starting with in Oakland, short plan, and then do a more detailed plan when EIR. Phase V projects-- good models.
- b. **Issues with PG&E Vegetation Management under new Power Lines**—sent reports to PGE, OFD and federal monitor—removed some, but left sitting on pampas grass, flammable on a red flag day. Asked Lisa to ask OFD what is plan for transition once he leaves. Concerned about Institutional memory

5. Outreach

- a. Broom Pull at the Chabot Observatory with Friends of Sausal Creek. 10/12 Saturday, 9:00 – 1pm
- b. FOSC Plant sale, Sunday, October 20, 2019
- c. NHCA/OLC vegetation Management Project above Kaiser School 10/26 9:30 (need drivers)—need drivers—OUSD to provide 30 yard dumpster, Caltrans will cut and chip,
- d. PAL Camp tentatively 11/16 Saturday, 9:00 -1pm
- e. Clear pampas grass on North Oakland Sports Field—cut sprouts, lay it down on ground flat

6. Other

- a. Ken-Benson-Chabot Park Highlands HOA Fire Safety group—consolidated contract with a tree group, last two weeks, at least 15 dead full size Monterey pines removed, recirculating neighborhood to be sure that they caught all—homeowners went together with tree group and payment was limited to homeowners who removed the dead trees.
- b. Jerry Kent—1995 did a complete fire modeling for entire East Bay Hills—so detailed no one knew what to do with it. Professor Radke doing same thing for East Bay Hills again, sometime in 2020, City should have up to date vegetation and fire data with Lidar, down to 1 meter. WPAD funded in 2005-06 a Lidar update for a 5 meter. Lost it in the transition. Suggest that Nick Luby flag this as part of the Strategic Plan sometime next year.
- c. McBride plan for 24/13 Highway Corridor or Council District 1—Gordon Piper suggests.
- d. Bob—a lot of stuff going North Orinda Fuel Break—will help us.



- e. PG& E shut off—Dan Kalb very upset with PG&E; interested getting Oakland involved in Sen. Weiner, SB378; chair of East Bay Community Energy Board, encouraging them to provide the community recommendations how to deal with power shut offs, generators, other energy sources. Recommend support of State Senator Hill requirement for PG&E and other electrical utilities to replace uninsulated lines, install RAWs, and new hardened conductors on high and extreme fire danger properties within statewide WUI areas.

6. Next Meeting

Saturday, November 23th at 10 to Noon 11140 Ettrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605

Meeting adjourned at 11:36am