



Oakland Firesafe Council
Board Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2019

11140 Etrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605
10-Noon

Present:

Lin Barron
Ken Benson
Carolyn Burgess
Barbara Goldenberg
Michael Kilian
Robert Meyers
Mike Petouhoff
Gordon Piper
Sue Piper
Neil Planchon
Dee Rosario
Nick Vigilante

Guests:

Council Member Dan Kalb
Lisa Jacobs
Shin Lee
Brandon Harami

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

- 1) Introductions
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** of October 12, 2019 as mailed
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** \$16,133 in bank, intermediary OCP&R 15K fiscal intermediary for Cal Fire Foundation; waiting for \$125,000 grant from Cal Fire, a matching grant from the City—doesn't include checks and the fund raising letters have gone out.



- 4) **Vegetation Management Plan** –Prepare for anticipated presentation at the December 3 Public Safety Committee meeting (6 pm).
- a. Chair noted that the plan uses a forest model as its basis, which doesn't take into account the high fuel load of housing that is adjacent to our city parks and open spaces.
 - b. Chair handed out list of environmental factors affected Assets at Risk— and noted that the plan does not take into account commercial or residential structures adjacent to parks as a criteria for prioritization.
 - c. Funding—Mike Petouhoff noted that staff has stated more than once that the plan can only be what we are spending now. However, Council members shared that the plan can be a framework and that the City could seek grants and other sources of project funding independent of traditional city general fund funding sources.
 - d. Timing, if you address annuals before they go to seed, you are impacting this year and next. Perennials, if you pull by the roots, doing compliance this year and next can lead to long term compliance. Methodology, work out erosion control and the mention of biological and seasonal timing in document, in a very low level of detail.
 - e. Board discussed the need for consistency of clearing of city parcels with clearing of private parcels. Then Chair solicited Steward and site specific commentary, Shepard Canyon, Railroad Trail, Beaconsfield, North Oakland Sports Field, Knowland Park, Dunsmuir, and EBRP perspective and thoughts.
 - f. Dee Rosario noted that the same consultants had specificity in their work for East Bay Regional Parks.
 - g. It was agreed that Council members should sign one letter from OFSC and then send in their own, particularly concerning Environmental Review scoping.
- 5) **Status of Resolution Proposal** passed by Council unanimously on December 19, 2019. It calls for a comprehensive report how City will prioritize wildfire prevention in everything they do and the City Administrator over 180 days must provide the how back to the Council. This is a big game changer in the way city operates. Reduce carbon input and prepare ourselves for effects of climate change—wildfire biggest issue. Hoping to see demonstrated statements and subtle ways to have parking prioritize enforcement on red flag days.



- 6) **Oakland CPR--**Neighborhood Organizing Update- Doug Mosher—ability to contact Neighborhood Watch or CORE contacted Tonya Gilmore who oversees Community Policing Office for a better contacting method and direct connection. Giving Doug the data base.
- 7) **Status of Efforts to Establish Regional Wildfire Prevention Management Districts-Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Jon Kaufman at next meeting to update.
- 8) **Consolidation of Inspectors** in process, continues to be challenge combined special unit link to track vacancies—much deeper than City’s general problem parcel reporting and inspector reporting
- 9) **Coordinating Adopt A Spot with Vegetation Management Contracts—**hope to see in the Administrator’s report
- 10)**Full loading of Vegetation Management Budget into OFD Account-**approved for 2 million, 1.1 million, chief never reduced—Lisa says it on
- 11)**New Business**
 - a. Gordon Piper discussed likelihood Vince is leaving.
 - b. Hydrant maintenance,: Mike Ambrose,construction management for East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD)—do they have program for adopt a hydrant—they now have adopt a spot for hydrants—is there a maintenance schedule- requirement for annual maintenance—fire department requires it annually.
- 12)**Outreach-** Fund raising letters are out.
- 13)**Next Meeting—**January 11, 2020 Saturday at 10am 11140 Ettrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.