



Oakland Firesafe Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2020  
11140 Ettrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605  
10-Noon

Barbara Goldenberg serving as Chair  
Ken Benson  
Jon Kaufman  
Nicholas Vigilante  
Robert Myers  
Michael Kilian  
Carolyn Burgess  
Matthew Napoli  
Lisa Jacobs  
Glen Dahlbacka  
Dave McGuinness

- 1) Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2019 – Approved
- 2) Treasurer’s Report – Michael Kilian – OFSC Funds at \$21,789 and we were due for our Insurance renewals. When asked about CalFire and City Funds treasurer reiterated that we are fiscal fiduciaries for those funds and so far only the CalFire has made invoicing payments. General discussion ensued on a budget process or need for OFSC but no action taken.
- 3) Old Business –
  - a. Vegetation Management Plan – Nothing new but did discuss that the consultant’s response to comment on both VMP and EIR are due in February. No action taken.
  - b. Oakland CP&R – Neighborhood Organizing Update – Doug Mosher gave Nick Vigilante a brief update to give. 1,000 Neighborhood Watch Groups and numerous neighborhood groups had been contacted about the OCP&R initiative and there are several introduction organizing workshops already scheduled for January and February. Good outreach and communications underway. Received update but no action taken.
  - c. Status of Efforts to Establish Regional Wildfire Prevention Management Districts – Ad-hoc Committee Report – Jon Kaufman – State level work last year was around AB 38 but that did not receive the 1 billion in funding in the last budget and this year the Ad-hoc is focusing on Joint Powers Authorities (JPA) as a vehicle for regional approach. Working with Governors OPR, CalFire, and a to be determined New Agency though this is slow – moving to discuss with Contra Costa and Alameda County Supervisors reusing an existing local JPA for our regional fire prevention district needs. General discussion and support but no action taken nor a vote sought on the update.
  - d. Consolidation of Inspectors – Status- Group discussed Vincent Crudele’s email reply to Nick Vigilante and the ongoing lack of support for this already committed City and OFD



course of action. Lisa Jacobs would check internally as to reasons for consolidation delays and the group discussed making displeasure known to the Mayor. No action taken.

- e. Coordinating Adopt a Spot with Vegetation Management Contracts – After a very lively discussion Lisa and Matt said they'd take an action item to see why the designations were not being shared across or within departments. Additionally, Nick Vigilante brought up EBMUD and their Adopt a hydrant program but pointed out that there wasn't a formal way via EBMUD's website to sign up or file complaints/notify of problem hydrants. No action taken.
- 4) New Business
- a. Help to those impacted by Wildfire in Australia – Discussed and after several friendly amendments it was unanimously passed that OFSC Treasurer send \$100 to Australian Red Cross and that we encourage individuals to give as they see fit.
  - b. UC Berkeley Vegetation Management Plan – Upper Campus – Jon Kaufman gave update on present status and taking of Public Comment on EIR. Received update and information no action was taken.
- 5) Outreach-
- a. January 27<sup>th</sup> 5pm to 8pm at Chabot Space and Science Center Piedmont Pines HOA annual Meeting and both OFSC and OCP&R will be represented there.
  - b. February 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm Oakland Fruitvale Public Library in the Community Room Second Floor – Dimond Improvement Association Meeting on Wildfire Prevention in Oakland and both Ken and Doug for OFSC and OCP&R are presenting. 7pm till 8:45pm.
  - c. Nate Miley Town Hall on Disaster Preparedness February 10<sup>th</sup> Oakland City Hall – several members said they planned to attend Glen Dahlbacka made the notice and is planning on attending.
- 6) Next Meeting – February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am till noon 11140 Etrick Street, Oakland, CA 94605

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm