

Oakland Firesafe Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2022 10:30  
Via Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Lin Barron  
Ken Benson  
Barbara Goldenberg  
Lisa Jacobs  
Bob Meyers  
Elizabeth Stage  
Steve Mendelson  
Martin Matarrese

Board members Absent:

Michael Kilian  
Robert Sieben  
Dee Rosario  
Allene Warren

OCP&R Program:

Doug Mosher  
Jen Grimm

Community members and guests:

Carolyn Burgess  
Sue Duncan  
Delores Franklin  
Sue Piper  
Stan Weisner

Meeting called to order at 10.36 am by the Chair.

1. Approval of Minutes  
DECISION: Board Approved February 22, 2022 Draft minutes (with one modification).
2. Treasurer's Report (Ken Benson for Michael Kilian)

FOR INFORMATION: Current balance is \$69,120, of which \$23,945 is unencumbered. This balance does not include most recent deposits of \$8,670 from EMSD, and invoices to be paid: OCP&R staff costs (\$8,670) and PlaceWorks (\$8,267).

Of the approximately \$116,000 raised for the JPA work to date, \$36,908 is unencumbered.

3. Old Business
  - a. Oakland CP&R--Neighborhood Organizing Update- Doug Mosher

FOR INFORMATION: Updates were provided on OCP&R activities including savvy homeowner series, newsletters, workshops with Oakland NCPC meetings. OCP&R team have verbal commitment of continuation of grant from City of Oakland for next year.

b. Wildfire Fire Preparedness Day – May 7. <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/National-Wildfire-Community-Preparedness-Day>

DECISION: We will not organize an event on May 7 this year. In future years we could consider with adequate planning, and potentially hold it at Merritt College. Instead, we will plan an event with a smaller scope later in May or early June. Anyone interested to help with event reach out to Doug and Jen, cc Ken Benson.

c. City of Oakland Wildfire Prevention Interagency Team – POSTPONED. [Michael Hunt was not in attendance as he was attending to grass fire that happened in the morning.]

d. Regional Vegetation Management JPA Update- Lisa Jacobs

FOR INFORMATION: We are looking forward to the meeting of smaller ‘working group’ on April 1 to make recommendation to stakeholders.

e. Advocacy issues—Elizabeth Stage

FOR INFORMATION: Oakland Vegetation Management plan is moving slowly which puts Oakland behind in accessing new resources coming from Sacramento. If anyone sees anything OFSC should be weighing in on Elizabeth will be happy to do that.

#### 4. New Business

a. OFSC Strategic Direction Update – Ken Benson

FOR INFORMATION: Last meeting focused on funding -- Foundation, community, state, federal. One of the things we have to think about as an organization: how do we become better prepared for grants? We are thinking about exploring a sustaining member campaign.

#### 5. Open Forum

Sue Piper asked question about NFPA Firewise community requirements; Doug answered.

#### 6. Next Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10.30am. [April 16 first day of Passover and Easter weekend)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11.33.