

Oakland Firesafe Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2022 10:30  
Via Zoom Conference Call

**Attendance**

Board Members:

Ken Benson  
Lisa Jacobs  
Elizabeth Stage  
Steve Mendelson  
Bob Meyers

OFSC:

Doug Mosher

Community members and guests:

Sue Piper  
Olga Crowe, EMSD, City of Oakland  
Joe Devries, City Administrator's Office, City of Oakland  
Jerry Kent  
Sue Duncan

Meeting called to order at 10.33 am by the Chair.

1. Approval of Minutes  
April 21, 2022 Draft minutes approved as submitted.
2. City of Oakland – Joe Devries

Golden Eagle exercise organized by EMSD/Oakland was extremely beneficial and helpful.  
If signs are missing from Grizzly Peak lookouts, report on 311. Enforcement is a challenge but the situation has much improved

3. Treasurer's Report (Ken Benson for Michael Kilian)

Current balance is \$48,176 as of May 20, grown to 52,184 pending deposit from Olga/EMSD (\$25,499 is unencumbered). JPA fund – 116,128 in the fund, including BAAQMD and Donner Family foundation. Payments to Placeworks of 89,393. So total available is \$26,735.

4. Old Business

a. Oakland CP&R-- - Doug Mosher –

5-7 presentations since the last meeting. Close to covering all NCPCs in city. Have another 5-6 workshops in the next few weeks. PEP= personal emergency preparedness.

Looking at grant from California firefighters association – for more firewise communities.

Have just sent notice regarding next workshop – Thursday, May 26, 6pm -- on Evacuations and Zonehaven. So far 85 people registered (likely only 50% of those will show, based on past experience. Oakland Firesafe Council hats – available. \$25/ea. Buy from Doug with an email.

b. EMSD – Olga Crowe

Golden Eagle was a Nationwide event – very wide participation from the City of Oakland. Almost all departments represented in one way. Full Emergency Operations Center (EOC) busting at the seams.... Testing emergency operations plans due to come to City Council this summer. Tested for planning and response to 8.0 earthquake. Tested rapid damage assessment.

Next year’s event will be announced in August.

Operational capabilities not just in city of Oakland. Joint Information formed.

City of Oakland does not have tsunami preparedness. City of Alameda and Berkeley working on their plans. Oakland starting to work on this. While tsunamis don’t seem a significant hazard, they do happen. Included limited Tsunami preparedness component for Oakland.

c. Regional Vegetation Management JPA Update- Lisa JACOBS

Need to consider next steps. Institutional landowners have made it clear they are not interested in enhanced collaboration. A lot could be done with the jurisdictions to upgrade their standards -- if all the jurisdictions were united in setting higher standards, this could be a good reason for collaboration.

d. Advocacy issues—Elizabeth Stage

Parking and evacuation plans getting more attention locally. Elizabeth provided an update on development of Housing Elements in their general plans statewide. Fire danger areas are being noted but cities like Oakland have competing challenges when considering housing development in areas with lower density/ lack of infrastructure and public transit. Elizabeth considers that significant development in the Oakland hills is unlikely because of ROI.

5. New Business

a. OFSC Strategic Directions / Fundraising – Sue Piper, Ken Benson

Have had great luck with OCP&R efforts which allows – have 800 people on weekly e-news list. Want to be able to continue employing Jennifer – aim to increase monthly income.

Board members asked about the annual \$2500 fees for the Network for Good services. Ken explained how cost structure is designed – depending on size of organization and its current resources. Data would be protected, lists would not be used.

Our treasurer Michael does not support the Network for Good proposal but does support moving to new accounting system.

Board didn’t take formal vote. Have meeting by call next week with Board members to take formal board action.

5. Open Forum

There was no public comment.

6. Next Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 10.30am.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12.02PM.