



The Mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire

DRAFT Minutes- September 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.-
Meeting Location: Zoom

- 1) Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Almer
- 2) Flag Salute – The flag salute was conducted by Ernie Lory
- 3) Roll Call - The attendance was taken by Chairperson Almer
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer – The time keeping volunteer was David Manske
- 5) Approval of the September 7, 2024, Agenda – A motion was made by Kelly Krohn to approve the agenda as submitted. A second was made by Liz Lawless. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the August 3, 2024 Minutes – A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Mark Almer provided the Treasurer's report: Treasurer's Report 9-7-2024

8) Agency Reports

- A. Pioneer Fire Protection District –PFPD Fire Marshal Ken Earle/Chief Whitt - not present
- B. Report of Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting – David Manske reported that there isn't anything new to report.
- C. Sheriff – Deputy Kris Kersmarki – not present
- D. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory presented the following report:
EDCFSC Meeting report 9-7-2024
- E. El Dorado Resource Conservation District – Mark Egbert – not present
- F. California Highway Patrol- Public Information Officer Andrew Brown – not present
- G. USFS - District Ranger Andrew Mishler – not present
- H. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit – Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / PIO Wendy Oaks – not present
- I. State Senate District 4 – Wendy Mayerhofer - not present

9) Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

a. Aukum/Fairplay – not present

b. Omo Ranch – Shiela Triebull presented a PowerPoint presentation on the South County Fire Defense Coalition: South County Fire Defense Coalition.pdf Shiela stated she would let Mark Almer know the GFFSC's share of the printing cost after the SCFDC meeting on 9/11/24.

c. Sandridge – not present

10) **Old Business**

A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer reported there are currently eleven vacancies and to tell your friends and neighbors.

B. Time Sheet Submittal- David Manske reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets and that he's received four so far this month.

C. Community Clean Up – Mark Almer reported the date has been set for Saturday, September 28, 2024. It will be open to the public from 8:30am to 11am. Craig Heinrich has produced flyers (2024 - Clean Up Day Announcement) to be mailed to the community. Craig asked to have all FSC volunteer workers present by 7:30am. The following FSC members will be working the event: David Manske (event leader with Craig/Set Up/Traffic), Roy Rodgers (set-up & vehicle unloading), Mel Kelley (set-up, vehicle unloading and wherever else needed), Charlene Ank (sign-in), Liz Lawless (assist Charlene with sign-in), Mike Lawless (traffic), Matt Nunley (set-up & vehicle unloading) & Olivia Moreno (battery recycling). Kelly & Manuel are unsure if they can attend; Mark Almer and Ernie Lory will both be out-of-town. Mark has posted the flyer on all the local Facebook pages and at the community bulletin board. David will be bringing the pop-up canopy, canopy water weights, safety vests, safety glasses, table, chairs, snacks, water and the traffic signs. David will provide a safety meeting prior to the event starting.

11) **New Business**

A. Cemetery Clean-Up – Part 2. – Mark Almer reported that the proposed date of the second cemetery clean-up day is November 16, 2024 (9am). The following members volunteered: Ernie Lory, Mark Almer, Roy Rodgers, David Manske, Mel Kelley, Charlene Ank and Liz Lawless. Kelly and Manuel are unsure if they can attend.

B. CWPP Assets at Risk – Ernie Lory described the process for the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan update. He reported that the Community Meeting will be at Pioneer School on October 2 from 6-8pm. He shared the “Assets at Risk” map for our community to the Council: GFFSC SoR Assets at Risk.pdf and asked

the Council for any potential assets that need to be added to the map. No further input was given.

12) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education – Mark Almer reported he has continued posting items on the GFFSC and local Facebook pages, including the flyer prepared by the Office of Wildfire Preparedness on the CWPP meeting and public survey. It appears that there hasn't been much interest from our community so far.
- B. Defensible Space – David Manske reported that there hasn't been any mention of rescheduling of the Defensible Space Assessor training classes.
- C. Grants – Ernie Lory reported on the meeting that he, David Manske and Mark Almer attended with Mark Egbert on Saturday, August 31. They discussed the status of the Steven's Authority Grant that encompasses the Woodpecker Acres subdivision and "Common Area" off Pine Ridge Drive: 2021-FP-AEU-0124 GF Treatment Area. The RCD has been having very little success in obtaining Right-of-Entry agreements for the Woodpecker Acres subdivision portion of the project. In the meeting, they also discussed the second phase of the Recovery and Reforestation project. They have the funding; they just need Right-of-Entry agreements from residents from within the "donut" area of the community. Mark Almer stated that he is awaiting the receipt of the flyer that Mark Egbert and his team will be producing. Mark Almer will be posting it on all local Facebook pages and the community bulletin board. The contractors need to get the work done before the significant snowfalls. David Manske stated that all but one of the RCD contractors have lost insurance that allows them to burn the material taken down. Removal of the material is now becoming a problem.
- D. Fundraising- David Manske will be contacting Kelly Krohn via phone after today's meeting to discuss fundraising ideas.
- E. Website- Dierdre Girardi not present.
- F. Membership Recruitment Committee- Kelly Krohn and Olivia Moreno will be meeting at a future date to discuss their mutual ideas. In the meantime, Kelly presented several potential ways of recruiting members. She stated the key to all of this is "incentivizing".

13) Public Comment - None

14) **Council Member Comments** – Olivia Moreno discussed the recent community meeting with Code Enforcement at the church property and how the County will potentially use the abatement process to clean up properties. Mark Almer stated that this process is one of the County's potential "tools", but it can be very long and drawn out, potentially over several years.

15) Public Announcements – none

16) **For the Good of the Order** – None

17) **Adjourn** – Kelly Krohn motioned, and David Manske seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1132am. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Almer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Almer
Chairperson/Treasurer/Secretary Pro-Tem