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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

Minutes – March 4, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Virtual - Zoom

- 1) Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Mark Almer
- 2) Flag Salute - was led by Robin Kelley
- 3) Roll Call - roll was taken by both Secretary Deirdre Girardi and Chairman Mark Almer
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer - Robin Kelley was timekeeper
- 5) Approval of the March 4, 2023 Agenda - Mark Almer added item 12C to the agenda. Kelly Krohn motioned and Mel Kelley seconded the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the February 4, 2023 Minutes - Chairman Mark Almer noted an edit before requesting a motion. Kelly Krohn motioned and Scott Edwards seconded the approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report – Robin Kelley reported the following: Locking display case for post office - allocated out of the \$15,000 El Dorado Community Foundation grant (needs to be spent by 10/2023) and reimbursement for the four pop-up tents from PG&E grant.

Budget overview:

Total: \$53,450.38

- Title 3 Reimbursements \$3,846.97
- PG&E Reimbursements \$7,651.98
- Other Gi(s \$5,961.64
- Address Signs \$ 110.00
- Total Income: \$17,570.59
- Total Expenses: \$5,559.18
- NET: \$12,011.41

8) Public Comment – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda - Chairman Mark Almer requested - none

9) Council Member Comments – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda - Olivia Moreno gave a suggestion about an alternative location for the community bulletin board. Mark Almer stated that the best location is at the PO.

**10) Agency Reports**

- A. BOS District 2 Supervisor – George Turnboo - not present
- B. Pioneer Fire Protection District – PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle - not present
- C. El Dorado County Department of Transportation – Dep. Director Maint. Brian Mullens - not present
- D. Grizzly Flats Community Services District – Acting District Manager Kim Gustafson - not present
- E. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Greg Almos - reported that the department didn't have much to report due to the fact that they are busy with the storm issues. Robin Kelley asked about new DOT equipment and Mark Almer reported that this new equipment is rented.
- F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - Ernie Lory reported that the El Dorado FSC on February 15, 2023 meeting included two items of interest. The first one pertained to the approval of a Hazardous Tree Removal Program project manager service to collect data on hazardous trees on the Western slope. A separate contract will be awarded for contractors dropping the trees and removing of the trees. Secondly, the county office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resiliency has two major thrust (1) defensible space and (2) home hardening as well as looking at very large landscape fuel reduction efforts. Ernie Lory stated that the bottom line is that they will follow the Public Resource Code 4291. They are not about adding anything beneath that so that if anything changes on 4291 then it automatically falls under the county ordinance. They are looking at clarifying definitions in the ordinance such as types of structures and size of structures and critical infrastructures. The Good Neighbor policy is still in place. With landowner's permission one can clear defensible space onto a neighbor's property. The defensible space enforcement has changed to a code enforcement process
- G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer Andrew Brown - not present
- H. U.S. Forest Service – Placerville Dist. Ranger Scot Rogers - not present
- I. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit –Battalion Chief Josh Vickers - not present
- J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils
  - 1. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
  - 2. Omo Ranch - not present
  - 3. Sand Ridge - not present
- K. Long Term Recovery Group – Jennifer Hibbard - not present

## 11) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are still vacancies on the Council and for the members to let their friends and neighbors aware of the opportunity to join the Council and serve the community.
- B. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion/Action- a couple have been turned in and get all timesheets in.
- C. Routes out of the Community Signage - Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - David Manske found signs at Station 38 that can be used for marking alternative routes out of Grizzly Flats; however these signs do not have arrows on them but this can be added to the signs. David Manske stated that Station 38 may have received a grant for new signs but we may need to “jump through” hoops to get these posted. David Manske summed up that GFFSC have signs and there is money to get these posted.
- D. Annual Firewise Day/BBQ – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action -
  - Because the main goal of this event is to provide Firewise Information to the GF residents, the Council will have this event on June 10 3:00-7:00 at the Taylor property @ 7802 Hermosa Vista off of Cosumnes Mine Road.
  - GFFSC will be partnering with the Burger Night Group.
  - The GFFSC will have information tables and GFFSC would provide snacks and desserts, go-bags, and raffle items that align with the GFFSC mission.
  - The FSC members will set up at 1:00 and each of the tables will be assigned 2 FSC Council members.
  - The event will require 5 committees and the following volunteered to lead each of the committees:
    - Ernie Lory: public education
    - Mark Almer: Advertising
    - Matt Nunley: Set up and tear down
    - No one volunteered for this committee at the time of the meeting: Door prizes (including requesting donations from local businesses):
    - Robin Kelley: Coordinator of snacks/desert: purchasing

Mark Almer expressed that the Council needs to support and make a commitment to this event and requested a motion to move forward with the event on June 10 3:00-7:00 and approve the expenditure of, and not to exceed, \$2500. Kelly Krohn motioned and Scott Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 12) New Business

- A. Community Clean-Up Day – Craig Heinrich and Robin Kelley – Discussion / Action - Craig Heinrich was not present but Robin Kelley talked with Craig Heinrich and they are working together about location of containers possibly late August. Mark Almer requested this item be moved to the April 1 agenda.
- B. CW-CWPP Updated Priority List - Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory - David Maske and Mark Almer presented the slides 2021 CW-CWPP GFFSC reassessment:
  - Slide 1: updating with the newest information;

- Slide 2: an overview of what has happened in the past and where the projects are now (see CW-CWPP Reassessment - Projects Will Implement Shaded Fuel Break slide)
- Slide 3: Dangerous Wind Patterns - this is used to establish the key plans for protection
- Slide 4: Priority List - GFFSC set the priorities based on the advice of Barry Callenberger and Council members input

The Council was directed to view the priorities list before voting to support the updated list as proposed by the grants committee. Upon approval, the GFFSC will request the county FSC update the GFFSC file. Robin Kelley motioned and David Maske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. GFFSC Support of Rocky Bar Road as part of the County Parks And Trails Master Plan - Mark Almer - discussion

Mark Almer provided an explanation of how this plan was established and how Rocky Bar came into GFFSC sphere of recognition.. Rocky Bar to be maintained by the county DOT. GFFSC support would help with fire protection in the future.

Mark entertained a motion to direct him, as the chair, to write a letter to the county of El Dorado supporting this conceptual plan of bringing in Rocky Bar road as part of the master Parks and Trails plan. Kelly Krohn motioned and David Maske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 13) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education - Mark Almer / Jennifer Hibbard - posts on Facebook reminds all to have their chimneys cleaned - Mark would like to post on GFFSC Facebook pictures of an example of the need to clean chimneys yearly.
- B. Defensible Space – Robin Kelley / Liz Lawless / David Manske - Robin Kelley- no specific items; David Maske or Liz Lawless - nothing at this point
- C. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - Ernie Lory shared that we have been working with Mark Egbert at RCD on the submission of the CalFire California Climate Initiative grant application. The areas that have Zone 1,2,4 will be completed in the spring time and ground prep and Zone 3 will be completed some time in the summer. This is all dependent upon grant money from the California Climate Investment. Egbert was able to GF-48 as part of the grant. See slide present for CA Climate Investment Grant Application Forest Hearth Post-Fire Reforestation and Regeneration Grant. Ernie Lory will share more as more information comes in about the grants.
- D. Fundraising – Robin Kelley / David Manske / Jennifer Hibbard - Robin - nothing at this point; Dave - no current sign requests - David reminds everyone that all should have these signs so that emergency services can locate people if an emergency call.
- E. Website – Jennifer Hibbard / Robin Kelley / David Manske - Mark Almer gave an update on Jennifer Hibbard’s GFFSC website training for E-Board members. Mark Almer was able to upload all of the minutes and agendas from the past four years and will be able to keep up to date from now on. Robin: The training was very helpful and will be able to take care of the defensible space information.

**14) Public Announcements -**

**15) For the Good of the Order -**

- Matt Nunley brought up the issue about people who are living in RVs and substandard housing and asked if there is a way to help people who are living in a RV long term and ways to check on neighbors who are living in these conditions. Mark Almer: RV fire safety could fall under the GFFSC mission statement; the checking on neighbors should be part of the mission of community groups and county officials. Greg Almos - the department is doing welfare checks and trying their best to get to these - if there is a concern call the non-emergency number
- Roy Rodgers asked about the new fence on Winding Way and Sciaroni, He expressed concern that this is causing a blind corner. Mark Almer suggested that this should be reported as a code enforcement issue and he would support Roy Rodger if he will be contacting the county; Robin Kelley will find out more about the legality of this fence. Mark Almer will give them the contact at the county that will be able to help with this.
- Olivia Moreno asked about the Neighborhood Watch (NW) and ways she can get involved. Charlene Ank explained that the NW is no longer in existence because of the fire but there is a NW on the other side of GF. Kelly Krohn will work with Matt Nunley, Oliva Moreno, and Charlene Ank to connect with this NW.

Olivia Moreno presented the idea of continuing the Zoom meetings as a way to get more involvement. The E-Board will discuss this more and bring it back to the Council.

**16) Adjourn** - Mark Almer called for the meeting to be adjourned at 10:53 Kelly Krohn motioned and Liz Lawless seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deirdre Marsh-Girardi*

Deirdre Girardi

Secretary