



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, supporting emergency response efficiency, 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 – July 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person at Leoni Meadows

1. **Call to Order** - Please make sure your comments and discussion are appropriate to the particular agenda item that we're discussing. Anything not related to a specific agenda item should be brought up during Council Member Comments, if it's related to Council business. If it's not related to Council business it needs to be brought up during Public Comment. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes and there will not be any discussion or interaction following each comment.
-The meeting was called to order at 9:42 am by Chairman Mark Almer.
2. **Flag Salute** - The flag salute was conducted by Matt Nunley.
3. **Roll Call** -- The attendance was taken by Secretary, Deirdre Marsh-Girardi.
4. **Timekeeper Volunteer** - Timekeeper was David Manske
5. **Approval of the July 6, 2024 Agenda** - A motion was made by Kelly Krohn to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously
6. **Approval of the June 1, 2024 Minutes** - A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by Kelly Krohn. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Treasurer's Report – Mark Almer** - Treasurer Mark Almer gave a report of the treasurer's report. Document linked here: [☰ GFFSC Treasurer's Report 07062024](#)
8. **Agency Reports**
 - a. Pioneer Fire Protection District – PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle - not present
 - b. Report of Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting – David Manske/Robin Kelley - none
 - c. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki - Mark Almer reported on Deputy Kersmarki 's

behalf. He stated that DOT will be starting roadwork on E16 (Mt. Aukum Road) from Four Corners to River Pines imminently.

- d. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - Ernie Lory shared the minutes from the June 19, 2024 EDCFSC meeting. Document linked here: [EDCFSC 6-19-2024 Notes](#)
- e. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer Andrew Brown - not present
- f. El Dorado Resource Conservation District – Mark Egbert - not present
- g. U.S. Forest Service – Placerville Dist. Ranger Andrew Mishler - not present
- h. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit – Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public - Information Officer Wendy Oaks - not present
- i. State Senate District 4 – Heidi Mayerhofer - not present

9. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- a. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
- b. Omo Ranch - Shiela Triebull reported about the wine signage project which has, due to the pilot project revealing the need for more public awareness, shifted from being a fundraiser project to a public information about the purpose of the FSCs. She shared that they are creating a fire safe council information presentation and requested support from our council to help with this project. July 24 at 6:00 pm will be a meeting about this project - most likely will be at Pioneer Park Community Center and possibly hybrid via zoom. Mark Almer will send out information.
- c. Sand Ridge - not present

10. Old Business

- a. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - - Mark Almer reported there are 11 vacancies and to tell friends and neighbors. Mark Almer and Susan Kim-Almer posted the new banner with recruitment information on the Post Office bulletin board. Mark Almer expressed his concern about getting community members to volunteer. Kelly Krohn shared that she would like to form a new Membership Recruitment Committee. This will be added to the August agenda.
- b. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion - David Manske shared that he has received forms and
- c. Routes Out of the Community Signage – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer provided an update on his conversation with the USFS and they shared that this is a budget issue and will likely be done next year sometime.
- d. Firewise Day/20th Anniversary Celebration wrap-up - Mark Almer - Discussion - Mark Almer gave an overview of the feedback received about the event. Document linked here: [2024 Firewise Day Critique](#)

11. New Business

- a. Cemetery Clean-up (proposed date July 21) – Mark Almer / Ernie Lory – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer led a discussion about this proposed event. He also shared that Robin Kelley found out from the Cemetery Commission that this project would not need the owner’s permission as long as the cemetery is in better shape than before the clean up. Craig Heinrich has volunteered the Leoni Meadows dump truck which will haul the cuttings to the Leoni Meadows burn pit. Mark Almer took names of volunteers for this event.
- b. Community Clean proposed date September 28, 2024 - Mark Almer - Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported that this date works for Craig Heinrich. Mark Almer and Ernie Lory will not be present thus, David Manske will be in charge of this event including posting signage. Mark Almer took names of volunteers for the event.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Public Education – Mark Almer - Mark Almer provided an update of public events including updates on social media and the GFFSC website and banners at the post office bulletin board.
- b. Defensible Space – David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley / Robin Kelley - David Manske shared that he has not had any recent requests for defensible space and assessor training.
- c. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - Ernie Lory shared that there is nothing new to share out. The CWPP is still in the draft stages and the grants are frozen until the CWPP is finalized. Ernie Lory and Mark Almer recently attended the recent CWPP planning kick-off meeting with South County Fire Safe Councils, the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, various public agencies and the EDCFSC's consultant Jensen-Hughes..
- d. Fundraising – David Manske / Robin Kelley / Kelly Krohn - David Maske shared that he had one request for a sign which he completed recently. Kelly Krohn will be working with David Manske.
- e. Website – Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley - Nothing new to report.

13. Public Comment – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. - None

14. Council Member Comments – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda.

- a. Olivia Moreno reported that a PG&E contractor shared with her that Capps Crossing has not been cleared recently. She also shared that residents who are trying to rebuild are met with fees other than the waived county fees (e.g., Pioneer Fire District, school district). She expressed concern about code enforcement with “squatters”.

15. Public Announcements - none

16. For the Good of the Order - none

17. Adjourn - Kelly Krohn motioned and Charlene Ank seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:43. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Girardi

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Secretary