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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 – May 6, 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 David Manske
- 3) Roll Call - roll was taken by both Secretary Deirdre Girardi and Chairman Mark Almer
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer - David Manske was timekeeper
- 5) Approval of the April 1, 2023 Agenda - Kelly Krohn motioned and Roy Rodgers seconded the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the March 4, 2023 Minutes - Kelly Krohn motioned and Scott Edwards seconded the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Robin Kelley - not present
- 8) Public Comment – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda - none
- 9) Council Member Comments – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda - Mark Almer reminded members that next month and July the meetings will be in person at Leoni Meadows at a room TBD. The council voted for “in person” or “zoom” meeting and the results were exactly 50% for in person and 50% for zoom. Thus, the monthly meetings will be split between in person and zoom. that the next council meeting in person on June 3, 2023. Reminded all council members that it is critical for all to attend the next council meeting in person on June 3, 2023 due to budget approval, elections, and community service award. The meeting schedule was attached to the recent call-to-meeting email.

Matt Nunley brought up the need to organize clean-up day(s) at the Taylors to prepare for the Burger Nights and the Firewise event. Mark Almer reported that council members are working with the landowner to help with ground maintenance and preparation.

Kelly Krohn reported that she is a member of El Dorado Community Action Council and Commission on Aging that expressed interest in supporting the GFFSC by purchasing address signs and asked the council for permission to share information about this. David Manske stated that he could do this but wanted Kelly Krohn to find out what the demand was. Kelly Krohn requested from David Manske an information flier about the address signs that she can share at the next El Dorado Community Action Council and Commission on Aging meeting. This conversation spurred some discussion about other FSC who have similar fundraising projects and how this may be a matter of sharing a list of these FSCs and their fundraising projects with the El Dorado Community Action Council and Commission on Aging in an effort to be fair in soliciting support.

Kelly Krohn reported that she shared with the El Dorado Community Action Council and Commission on Aging information about the Firewise event.

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 – District Manager Kim Gustafson - not present
- E. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Bare - not present
- F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - the El Dorado County FSC met on April 19 and Mark Almer submitted the required renewal documents. The El Dorado Wildfire Strategy meeting will be on May 17th at 1:30 at the EID office. They will be going through the draft to see if there are any public comments. There is still some need to define what is meant by “community”. Defensible Space: 0-5 feet will possibly be enacted by next year but Ernie Lory stated that this is a good strategy. The FSC was awarded a \$155,000 Chipping Grant; the county Air Quality Management District worked on getting this grant for the FSC. This funding will go through 2026 and will be combined with the other Chipping Program. Currently, applications will have to be turned in person until the fillable Chipping Program application on the website is ready. Mark Almer reported that he and Ernie Lory will be presenting at the Cedar Grove FSC about home hardening and the impact of the Caldor Fire.
- 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 - Shiela Triebull reported out about the Wine Signage that information has been sent out and meetings will resume after meetings are rescheduled. She shared that the West Slope has had two recent events for the Omo Ranch and Aukum/Fairplay. Both Aukum and Fairplay FSC have a local event planned to support each other. At the West Slope event, the FSC is showcasing

the shaded fuel breaks. Shiela Triebull is interested in the GFFSC Home Hardening Video. Mark Almer shared that this is posted on the GFFSC website.

3. Sand Ridge - not present

11) Old Business

- A. 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- David Manske reported that many FSC members have not turned in time sheets.
- C. Routes out of the Community Signage - Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Scot Rodgers reported via email that he has started the conversation with his engineering department to get minimal signage posted at Capps and Leoni to indicate at where there is a Y in the road on how to get to Highway 88 either North/South Road. He approached the county to help with the cost but they declined. Mark Almer told Scot Rodgers that if there is a financial need, he should send in a request to the GFFSC a week before the June meeting to get this on the agenda for the council discussion and action. Scot also advised Mark that he will be taking a temporary assignment in Arizona for the summer and that his replacement is yet to be named.
- D. Annual Firewise Day/BBQ – Mark Almer / David Manske – Discussion/Action - the committee met and committee leads are doing well with planning. All of the advertising is moving forward, tables from other agencies are ready to be at the event, all committee chairs are in touch with their committee members. David Manske spent time in Placerville working on door prize donations that he will pick up on Thursday. Ernie Lory suggested that we make sure we have a way to showcase businesses who donated. Mark Almer shared that this is in process and will be similar to how the Diamond Springs FSC showcased the local businesses who donated.
- E. Community Clean-Up Day – Craig Heinrich and Robin Kelley – Discussion / Action - Craig Heinrich reported out about August 6th Community Clean-Up Day - location TBD. All community members will be informed of this as soon as the details are finalized.

12) New Business

- A. Use of GFFSC Logo/Letterhead Policy – Mark – Discussion/Action - no comments. Manuel Lopez motioned and David Manske seconded the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

13) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education - Mark Almer / Jennifer Hibbard - We recently added “The Home Hardening” video and other posts on the <https://www.grizzlyflatsfsc.com/>. Jennifer Hibbard reported that she doesn’t have anything with GFFSC but the workshops about Disaster Preparedness are beginning.
- B. Defensible Space – Robin Kelley / Liz Lawless / David Manske / Matt Nunley - David Manske attended a defensible space training and found these to be invaluable and recommended others consider attending. Matt Nunley requested information about this training and David Manske will follow up with more information.

- C. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - Ernie Lory: Some of the GFFSC council members met with Mark Egbert from RCD concerning the current Caldor Community and Reforestation Program. We were not awarded in the CalFire 2023 CCI grant cycle. However, RCD has funds to complete the current field work and to do some additional work that Mark Egbert has described. Mark Egbert is pursuing more grant funds with the intent to continue work. The Stevens Authority grant fund (USFS) will be used for reducing unburned fuels west of Units 8 and 9 to protect homes in Units 8 and 9.
- D. Fundraising – Robin Kelley / David Manske / Jennifer Hibbard - David Manske: no orders for signs since the March 2023 meeting. Jennifer Hibbard shared that they are looking into adding signs into the West Slope Foundation workshops that the GFFSC can use for fundraising.
- E. Website – Jennifer Hibbard / Robin Kelley / David Manske - Mark Almer shared the GFFSC website and the new link to the Home Hardening video.

14) Public Announcements - none

15) For the Good of the Order - Sheila Triebull shared that she and another Omo Ranch FSC council member will be at the June Firewise event to help. David Manske shared that he has the Firewise Event flyers and has been sharing these whenever he encounters GF residents.

16) Adjourn - Mark Almer called for the meeting to be adjourned at 10:34. Kelly Krohn motioned and David Manske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Marsh-Girardi

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Secretary