



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 – February 3, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:

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1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by Chairman Mark Almer.
2. **Flag Salute**- The flag salute was conducted by Roy Rodgers.
3. **Roll Call** - The attendance was taken by Chairperson Almer.
4. **Timekeeper Volunteer** - The time keeping volunteer was David Manske.
5. **Approval of the February 3, 2024 Agenda** - A motion was made by Roy Rodgers to approve the agenda as amended. A second was made by Mel Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **[Approval of the January 6, 2024 Minutes](#)** - A motion was made by David Manske to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by Mel Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Treasurer's Report – Mark Almer - See report Note from Mark Almer:** all outstanding balance issues have been rectified. Mark Almer shared that in order to avoid future issues of cross-fiscal year reporting (i.e. a check written in June and a reimbursement from the EDCFSC not arriving until July), requests for reimbursements from the GFFSC should be avoided between May 15 and July 1 of each year. This may be challenging due to the annual Firewise Day being June 8; however he requested that members try to make all purchases and

submit reimbursement requests by May 15. Also, it is imperative that reimbursement checks are cashed promptly in order to alleviate problems with the reporting to the EDCFSC. Treasurer's Report linked here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c03Rom6NsQPIBsd5vNfbrWIHvgXWpunc/view?usp=sharing> .

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 - recent meeting was canceled due to weather.
- c. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki - Kris Kersmarki reported that he had lunch with the STAR deputy who was injured by the fallen tree and this person is doing well and recovering.
- d. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - Ernie Lory's notes linked here: [☰ EDCFSC 1-17-2024 mtg](#)
- 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 Travis Thane (acting) - not present
- h. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit – Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public Information Officer Wendy Oaks - not present

9. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- a. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
- b. Omo Ranch - not present
- c. Sand Ridge - not present

10. Old Business

- a. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are 10 vacancies and asked members of the council and attending public to tell friends and neighbors about the GFFSC.
- b. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion - David Manske gave an update on the timesheets and reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets. He also shared that we are a Firewise community and this is important for insurance in many cases.
- c. Routes Out of the Community Signage – Mark Almer - Discussion/Action Mark Almer shared that he doesn't have any significant updates other than the signage project is still in progress.
- d. GFFSC June 8, 2024 20th Anniversary Committee – Ernie Lory – Discussion - Ernie Lory requested Manuel and Kelly send pictures for the 20th Anniversary slide deck. Deirdre Girardi and Ernie Lory shared ideas

about other possible published products to share or as a way to raise funds.

- e. Spring Green Waste clean-up day (suggested date of May 18th) - Ernie Lory - Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory - Mark Almer stated that this event would need a council member to lead this event. He gave an overview of the duties of a committee leader for the proposed event. Currently, no one expressed interest in leading this. As an aside, the green waste bags purchased with grant funds will be distributed whether there is an event or not.
- f. Defensible Space Assessor Training - Ernie Lory - Discussion/Action - Ernie Lory submitted names and contact information for the six volunteers who are interested in being trained. EDCFSC is working with CalFire to schedule the training event. The volunteers will be contacted directly with dates and times and location.
- g. 2024 Firewise Day – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Council is moving forward with the date of June 8, 2024. David Manske and Mark Almer will co-chair this event. This event will be partnered with the Burger Night event which Robin Kelley leads.
 - 1. Matt Nunley will lead the set up and tear down committee.
 - 2. Ernie Lory will lead the public education committee.
 - 3. Mark Almer will lead the advertisement committee.
 - 4. Charlene Ank and Deirdre Girardi will lead the door prizes and silent auction committee.
 - Mark Almer gave an overview of the state regulations about fundraising events, in particular live auction and raffles are not allowed; thus, our Firewise event will have alcohol sales and silent auction. The Taylors have agreed to having alcohol sold at the event.
 - Mark Almer requested that Scott Edwards be in charge of the alcohol sales permit (ABC) and he accepted this request.
 - Mark Almer shared that fundraising will need to be at the forefront and a focus of the events.

11. New Business

- a. none

12. Committee Reports

- a. Public Education - Mark Almer - the bulletin board is “essentially” complete. The grant funds need to be fully spent by June 30, 2024. Mark Almer stated that the bulletin board project did not expend the full grant amount; thus the executive board will discuss ways to expend the remaining funds. Mel Kelley proposed the idea of having the students from the Pioneer Elementary school submit artwork pertaining to fire safety that can be posted on the bulletin board.
- b. Defensible Space – David Manske /Robin Kelley / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley - no recent requests for assessments.

- c. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - Ernie Lory and David Manske will be getting an update from Mark Egbert about the status of phase one and phase two of the RCD projects.
 - d. Fundraising – Robin Kelley / David Manske - David Manske reported that Postmaster Alicia Leech ordered an address sign for her home. Also, David Manske gave an update and discussion about the cost of materials and shipping. There was a discussion about how the other FSCs have other options that may be less costly.
 - e. Website – Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley - nothing to report
13. **Public Comment** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. - Deputy Kris Kersmarki shared that he has other areas interested in starting their own FSCs. Ernie Lory and Mark Almer will forward information to Deputy Kris Kersmarki.
14. **Council Member Comments** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. - Olivia Moreno requested information about getting PG&E to remove hazardous trees.
15. **Public Announcements** - none
16. **For the Good of the Order** - none
17. **Adjourn** - Scott Edwards motioned and Mel Kelley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:22. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Marsh-Girardi

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Secretary