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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

Meeting Minutes –July 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Leoni Meadows, Cascade Room

The meeting will be held in the Cascade Room in the main administrative building, directly across from the main entrance doors.

- 1) Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Second Vice Chairman David Manske
- 2) Flag Salute - was led by Liz Lawless
- 3) Roll Call - roll was taken by Secretary Deirdre Girardi
- 4) Timekeeper Volunteer - Robin Kelley was timekeeper
- 5) Approval of the July 8, 2023 Agenda - Robin Kelley moved and Liz Lawless seconded the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the June 3, 2023 Minutes - Mel Kelley moved and Roy Rodgers seconded the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Robin Kelley shared out the current budget balance and recent expenditures.
- 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 - council members expressed thanks for other members' contributions to the council and other community events.

### **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 Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kristopher Kersmarki- not present
- F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - not present
- G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer Andrew Brown - Office Brown shared that the CHP staffing is similar to the staffing of the past two years and they are actively recruiting for all levels of positions. He also shared how the CHP is dealing with issues related to “side shows” and “street racing” across the state. He stated that residents have the right to peace and quiet and should always report incidents that violate this. Related to this, he stated that the CHP and sheriff department are aware of the off-road vehicles on public roads in GF and are actively addressing these.
- H. U.S. Forest Service – Placerville Dist. Ranger Scot Rogers - not present
- I. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit –Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / PIO Wendy Oaks - not present
- J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils
  - 1. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
  - 2. Omo Ranch - not present
  - 3. Sand Ridge - not present

### 11) Old Business

- A. GFFSC Vacancies -Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - none
- B. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion/Action- David Manske reminded everyone to get in their timesheets.
- C. Routes out of the Community Signage - Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - none
- D. Annual Firewise Day/BBQ – Mark Almer / David Manske – Discussion/Action - none
- E. Community Clean-Up Day – Craig Heinrich and Robin Kelley – Discussion / Action - Craig Heinrich shared that he sent out the flyers and he and Robin Kelley are getting volunteers lined up for the event. Location of this event will be at the GFC church.

### 12) New Business

- A. 2022/2023 Budget - Robin Kelley- Discussion/Action - Robin Kelley went over the 2022/2023 budget line items and answered questions. Mel Kelley moved and Kelly Krohn seconded the approval of the budget. The budget was unanimously approved.

### 13) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education - Mark Almer / Jennifer Hibbard - none
- B. Defensible Space – Robin Kelley / Liz Lawless / David Manske / Matt Nunley - David Manske attended the defensible space training and is the current advisor . Robin Kelley is the coordinator and will attend the next defensible space training in order to continue to be an advisor .

- C. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - David Manske updated the council on the status of getting the approval of the landowners of the greenbelt in GF in order to start defensible space work done on this property.
- D. Fundraising – Robin Kelley / David Manske / Jennifer Hibbard - David Manske is continuing to make signs.
- E. Website – Jennifer Hibbard / Robin Kelley / David Manske -

**14) Public Announcements** - David Manske gave an overview of Ernie Lory's 2023 Firewise Assessment and read out the recommendations from Ernie Lory's 2023 Firewise Assessment. Below are the recommendations listed in the document:

### **Recommendations**

Continue to educate, cultivate, and maintain community relationships described in the Community Wildfire Action Plan 2023-2025. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally increase outreach, education, and implement efforts to make the SOR more fire resilient.

1. GFFSC monthly public meetings
2. Annual Firewise Day BBQ Event in collaboration with adjacent Fire Safe Councils
3. Set up a public education table at community summer Burger Nights
4. Elementary school Ready-Set-Go program (pending reopening of school)
5. Social media public education outreach
6. Partner with Grizzly Flats Community Services District to mail out GFFSC information in the CSD's water billing.
7. Home Hardening
8. Produce home hardening video series and distribute via social media Fuel Reduction
9. Neighbor helping neighbor defensible space development project.
10. Identify opportunities and promote community-scale vegetation management/fuel break projects, e.g. community chipping days, dumpster programs and community cleanup days.
11. Prepare & distribute post-Caldor-Fire revegetation information/manual of fire-resistant plants.
12. Implement projects identified in the current County-Wide CWPP.
13. Seek grant opportunities to support and implement landscape fuel reduction projects identified in the County-Wide CWPP.
14. Participate in El Dorado County FSC Seniors, Veterans, Low-income Defensible Space Development Program. Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness
15. Community education on evacuation planning by distribution of "routes out of the community" maps to all homeowners.
16. Re-post maps on community bulletin board located at the U.S. Post Office once the Post Office and bulletin board are rebuilt.

**15) For the Good of the Order** - members discussed issues around keeping the community clean and ideas for helping residents with the cost of trash disposal. Office Brown shared that CalTrans has helped out communities with clean up events and he recommended connecting with CalTrans about this.

**16) Adjourn** - David Manske called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:10. Mel Kelley moved and Charlene Ank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deirdre Marsh-Girardi*

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Secretary