



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 – October 7, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Leoni Meadows - Go to the Main Administration Building, in the small meeting room to the right as you come through the front door.

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:48am by Chairman Mark Almer. With a lack of a quorum, there was not any official business conducted and no votes/actions were taken.
2. **Flag Salute** - The flag salute was conducted by Matt Nunley
3. **Roll Call** - The attendance was taken by Secretary Girardi
4. **Timekeeper Volunteer** - none
5. **Approval of the October 7, 2023 Agenda** - no quorum
6. **Approval of the September 9, 2023 Minutes** - no quorum
7. **Treasurer's Report** – Robin Kelley - not present
8. **Special Presentations**
 - a. Update on RCD's Recovery/Reforestation Program – Mark Egbert - Ernie Lory provided a summary of the RCD's Recovery/Reforestation Program. Mark Egbert will provide the special presentation at the November 4th meeting.
 - b. Home Hardening PowerPoint – Mark Almer - Mark Almer shared a presentation that was originally given to the Cedar Grove FSC. The presentation will be posted on the GFFSC social media site and the website. [P Home Hardening 2023.pptx](#)
9. **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. Report of Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting – David Manske/Robin Kelley - David Manske provided a report of the minutes from September 12, 2023. [W Pioneer Fire Protection District 09.docx](#)

- d. El Dorado County Department of Transportation – Dep. Director Maint. Brian Mullens - not present
- e. Grizzly Flats Community Services District – District Manager Kim Gustafson - not present
- f. El Dorado County Sheriff's Office / OES – Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki - not present
- g. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory - Ernie Lory shared items discussed at the September 20, 2023 meeting. Items of interest were BLM working on creating a 200 foot fire break between the Grizzly Flats community and forest service land. Also, the EDFSC is looking into making the Firewise certificates available online for residents who need to provide this for their insurance policy.
- h. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer Andrew Brown - not present
- i. U.S. Forest Service – Placerville Dist. Ranger Scot Rogers - Mark Almer shared that Scot Rogers is no longer the Placerville District Ranger. Currently, Travis Thane will be acting District Ranger.
- j. CAL FIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit –Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public Information Officer Wendy Oaks - not present

10. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- a. Aukum/Fairplay - not present
- b. Omo Ranch - Shiela Triebull reported that the Wine Signage Fundraiser boxes are ready for display. The water tank farm funded by a grant from the West Slope Foundation will be owned by the Pioneer Fire Protection District.
- c. Sand Ridge - not present

11. Old Business

- a. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - Mark Almer reported there are currently ten vacancies and to tell your friends and neighbors.
- b. Time Sheet Submittal – David Manske – Discussion/Action - David Manske reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets.
- c. Routes Out of the Community Signage – Mark Almer - Discussion/Action - no action (no quorum)

12. New Business

- a. GFFSC 20th Anniversary Committee – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action - no action (no quorum)
- b. GFFSC Phone/Number - Mark Almer - Discussion/Action - no action (no quorum)

13. Committee Reports

- a. Public Education - Mark Almer reported out updates to the GFFSC Facebook.
- b. Defensible Space – David Manske /Robin Kelley / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley - David Manske shared that the defensible space risk assessments on a group of

homes in the Grizzly Flat community have been completed and part of the Firewise annual renewal. Ernie Lory will let Liz Lawless, Robin Kelley, and Matt Nunley know when the next training for evaluators will be offered.

- c. Grants – Ernie Lory / David Manske - no further report
- d. Fundraising – Robin Kelley / David Manske - no recent requests for (reflective address) signs.
- e. Website – Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley - Deirdre Girardi shared that she is updating the website as new information is available.

14. **Public Comment** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. No public comments

15. **Council Member Comments** – Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda. Mark Almer thanked all of the residents who participated in the Firewise renewal. He also shared that the Firewise renewal has been submitted and will be reviewed by a local El Dorado county reviewer. Mark Almer addressed a request from Sand Ridge Fire Safe Council to expand the GFFSC sphere of recognition. He shared that GFFSC will not be expanding our sphere; plus, due to the need for more residents to be involved, Firewise advises residents to form more local, smaller fire safe councils.

16. **Public Announcements** - none

17. **For the Good of the Order** - Mark Almer reminded everyone the next meeting will be November 4, via Zoom.

18. **Adjourn** - Mark Almer called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Marsh-Girardi

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Secretary