



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-January 9, 2021 9:30 a.m.-  
Telephone Meeting

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Flag Salute- Deb Gregory
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers & Timekeeper Volunteer
- 5) Approval of the January 9, 2021 Agenda
- 6) Approval of the November 7, 2020 Minutes- Mel Kelley made a **Motion** to approve the minutes, with a second from Kelly Krohn. **Motion** passed.
- 7) Treasurer's Report- Robin Kelley- The treasurer reported receipt of \$340 of donations this month with a current bank balance of \$30,641.46.
- 8) Public Comment  
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)

Eileen Strangfeld stated It's been a tough year for everyone. She would like to thank everyone who helped her and Ken. The Grizzly Flats Fire Safe council was important to Ken. She stated she is sorry it took so long to speak at the meeting, it has been a very difficult year. Eileen will be staying in Grizzly Flats but has taken a job that will at times take her out of the country. Eileen requests to be kept informed of everything and thank you very much.

- 9) Council Member Comments  
(Limited to 3 minutes - only for items not on the agenda)

Craig Heinrich stated thank you very much to Chief Matthews for re-directing the Leoni traffic.

Mark Almer stated he reached out to Supervisor Turnboo to request him to attend the meeting. Supervisor Turnboo advised he will not be attending the virtual meetings due to time. Stated to let him know when there is a physical meeting.

10) **Agency Reports**

A. BOS Reports District 2 Supervisor. – George Turnboo  
Not Present

B. Pioneer Fire Protection District –Chief Mark Matthews/Battalion Chief Mike Stutts/ Fire Marshal Kara Garrett

Kara Garrett stated anyone interested in receiving the Pioneer Fire Protection District Newsletter to contact her.

Stated PFPD working on the GIS map as fast as they can.

Laurie Findley stated she wanted to give a shout out to the new heli-pad. Stated it went up quickly.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens  
Not Present

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District - Kim Gustafson  
Not Present

E. Sheriff – John D’Agostini/Jack Kerruish  
Todd Crawford stated it is important to remember what the evacuation route signs are for.  
Stated the county is at the beginning stages of a vaccination program. Plans in place for different partnerships for supplying the vaccine to the public.  
There is a dedication ceremony scheduled for January 22, 21 at 10am to install a large bronze eagle at the EDSO building.

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council - Ernie Lory  
Ernie states the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council does not meet in November and December. He advised the Chipping program is closed until further notice.

G. California Highway Patrol – Public Information Officer - Andrew Brown

H. USFS - District Ranger Scot Rogers/Rick Hopson

I Amador El Dorado Unit Cal Fire - Public Information Officer- Diana Swart

J. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

1. Aukum/Fairplay
2. Omo Ranch
3. Pleasant Valley

11) **Old Business**

A. Emergency Evacuation Route Signage – Chief Matthews/Mike Stutts – Discussion/ Action Item

B. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer/Ernie Lory- Discussion/Action Item  
Mark Almer stated there has been no interest in the current vacancies.

C. AT&T Phone Issues- Mark Almer/Kelly Krohn/Phill Dayton  
Discussion/Action Item

Mark Almer stated that in the event of a Public Safety Power Shut off event or an emergency power loss it takes a person to drive up to the AT&T station in Grizzly in and start the generator. If weather causes the roads to be impassable then the generator cannot be started. This interferes with residents' abilities to contact emergency services.

Mark Almer filed a complaint with the PUC regarding the reliability of the service.

Mark Almer Contacted KCRA as well as Kelly DeMarco, has not received any response but believes the media is currently focused on the Presidential transfer.

The sheriff's office has had discussions about what part they should have in this.

D. Capps Crossing Road Issues- Mark Almer Discussion/Action

Mark Almer stated this issue is at rest until Spring at which time work can resume on the routes out of the community.

12) **New Business**

A. Sponsored Event/Committee Sign-up - Mark Almer -Discussion/Action Item  
Members signed up for committees and events for the year.

- B. Budget Amendment Request, Additional Zoom funding - Mark Almer-  
Discussion/Action Item  
Mark advised that prior to the meeting he called and changed the ZOOM account to a different plan. This plan is good for 12 months and no additional funding is necessary.
  
- C. Redirection of Previously Budgeted Funds- Robin Kelley/Mark Almer  
Discussion/Action Item  
Discussed redirecting unused funds from the budget toward purchasing address signs for fundraising purposes.  
Manual Lopez made a motion to redirect the funds in the budget to purchase the signs. David Manske seconded this Motion.  
Motion passed by majority with one opposed.

### 13) Committee Reports

- A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory  
Deb advised that Facebook membership has doubled since last year and now has about 430 followers.
  
- B. Defensible Space - Steve Frasier/Robin Kelley  
Robin stated that she completed two Defensible Space evaluations in December. Steve Frazier advised he would like to have Defensible space meetings once a month or every other month by Zoom.
  
- C. Grants – Ernie Lory/Kelly Krohn/David Manske  
Ernie reported RCD is still proceeding with the paperwork on the GF18 Henry’s Diggings area Grant.
  
- D. Public Education – Deb Gregory/Kelly Krohn/Molly Irish  
  
Kelly Krohn stated there is a home insurance Webinar sponsored by the Aukum/Fairplay Fire Safe Council which is being held on Wed January 13 at 6pm. Contact Kelly Krohn or email INFO@ASFSC.org to register for this event. Aurora Millet will be the guest speaker.
  
- E. Fundraising- Kelly Krohn/Robin Kelley/David Manske  
David Manske advised the sign company Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council will be purchasing from is Interstate Sign Products in Ohio. Stated there are package deals as well as multiple options to help with fundraising. David stated he will be calling the company to see if they can make larger blanks to accommodate for larger numbers.

Robin Kelley advised there is a group who held a successful virtual auction. Stated they created a catalog and held Zoom auction. Stated we could do a version of this by doing a silent auction for donated items.

Deb Gregory stated that fundraising through Facebook and the website by accepting donations through Paypal was also discussed. Robin Kelley will be contacting the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council to get more information regarding the 503c designation.

14) Public Announcements

None

15) For the Good of the Order

Rich Englefield stated he is calling in from Woodland, Washington and stated there is a real need for the address signs there. Stated he will be keeping in touch and monitoring the progress of the signs.

Mark Almer advised Rich Englefield helped to form the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council and was a member of the El Dorado Count Fire Safe Council. Mark stated the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is in gratitude to Rich Englefield for all of his hard work.

16) Adjourn

Steve Frazier made a **Motion** to adjourn with a second from Kelly Krohn, Meeting adjourned at 11 :06am

**Regular Local Fire Safe Councils and District Meetings:**

Grizzly Flats FSC - 1st Saturdays 9:30 AM, Telephone Meeting (Temporary)  
Pioneer Fire Protection District - 2nd Tuesdays 6 PM, Station 38  
Pleasant Valley FSC - 2nd Thursdays 7 PM - Pleasant Valley Community Hall  
Aukum/Fairplay FSC- 3rd Wednesdays 7 PM - Pioneer Park Hall  
Omo Ranch FSC - 4th Saturdays 9 AM – Indian Diggings School

Retroactively submitted for electronic storage on July 24, 2022 and the content is fundamentally accurate to the best of my knowledge,



Mark Almer  
Chairperson