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 November 4, 2017  9:30 a.m. - Grizzly Flats Community Church

1) Call to order
2) Flag Salute by Don Spear
3) Roll Call
4) Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers
5) Approval of the November 4, 2017 – Melanie Hessing motioned to approve the agenda with changes, 2nd by Kim Gustfason. Motion approved unanimously.
6) Approval of the October 7, 2017 Minutes – Mark Almer motioned to approve the minutes as amended 2nd by Ken Strangfeld. Motion approved unanimously.
7) Treasurer’s Report with budget summary on bulletin board totaling $3,082.51
8) Public Comment
   a) Dave Pratt – Pleasant Valley FSC has gone dark and he expects it to someday come back.
   b) Don Spear thanked Shiva Frentzen for his recognition in September and thanked our council members and community for attending the meeting.
9) Council Member’s Comments
   a) Tim Hinkle – Friend had their fire/homeowner’s insurance doubled to over $4,000 and then he called USAA and the policy is now only $895.00 after including a discount for being in a Firewise community.
   b) Tim Hinkle - Leoni Meadows hosted the annual California Forestry Challenge Event he and Ernie Lory participated and also received the volunteer excellence award.
   c) Mark Almer – 9,500 buildings destroyed in Sonoma fires and 43 people died. Mark Almer passed some before and after photos of the area. Last month an event in the community had Ian Hoey in pursuit on foot after an offender where several residents assisted Officer Hoey. He was injured and received many many Get Well cards. Mark also mentioned Don Spears presentation by the Board of Supervisors with 3 standing ovations.
10) Agency Reports
   a) BOS District 2 Supervisor - Shiva Frentzen
      1. Budget – 20117/2018 has passed, reserves are maxed out and contingencies maxed out. $5m set aside for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Money set aside for retirees. The 5 year projection does not look good with Calpers and buildings being built and unfunded state mandates there is a $20m deficit showing.
      2. Road Maintenance – Grizzly Flats is on schedule for maintenance planned. SB1 gas tax will help tremendously. There are now efforts underway to repeal SB1.
      3. Prop 90 – The current incentive for seniors to move to our area where they can keep their current tax base to their new purchase in our area. Our county is losing money when these seniors move to our area. Our county has a large number of seniors in our county.
as compared to CA and the entire US. Tina Holum shared about a new client moving up here from SoCal who will be bringing their tax base of only $400/year when buying a house where taxes should be over $3,000/year.

4. Marijuana/Cannabus – Board changed the ordinance 5,000 for medical cannabis to take a crime from a civil crime to code enforcement. Commercial growth and recreational aspect will be coming. Melanie Hessing asked if there is funding to support enforcement.

b) Pioneer Fire Protection District – Dave Pratt
   1. Working on finding a community based process to hire a new chief for about a year now. A committee has been formed to make the process more transparent. Next meeting they will need to discuss a temporary transition for until a chief is hired.
   Pioneer Fire is losing some $200,000+ a year from mutual aid support. Next board meeting is November 14, 2017.

c) Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens – Not Present

d) Grizzly Flats Community Services District – Kim Gustafson
   1. Signed contract for tree mortality project.
   2. Meter replacement project is underway to replace 300 old meters by prop 84.
   3. Sold 2 new meters for new construction.
   4. Steve Hupner asked if neighboring residents have been notified about tree work. GF 32 is crossing over with this.
   5. Melanie Hessing asked if the residents where meters will be replaced will be notified, Kim advised they will be tagged in advance.

e) U.S. Forest Service – Richard Thornburg – Not Present
f) CALFIRE – Not Present

g) Sheriff – John D’Agostini / Steve Wunschel.
   1. Nothing new to report other than still looking for Michael Lenning.

h) El Dorado County Fire Safe Council – Ernie Lory
   1. Reported from Meeting on Oct 24, 2017
   2. Local FSC should plan for next year training and events.
   3. A support letter for National Wildlife Turkey Federation was sent concerning Proposition I Grant to provide watershed improvement in the El Dorado National Forest.
   4. County council has a paypal account now set up.
   5. PG&E chipper grant program is closed until spring.
   6. Statewide wildfire insurance pool may affect us in the future.

11) Old Business
   a) Community Interest Survey – Tim Hinkle – Discussion/Action Item
      1. A vote was asked to approve the survey.
      2. Survey will go out to our newsletter list plus local Facebook pages, it will also go out with the water bill.
      3. $35 was paid for the survey and it may be needed again next month.
Melanie Hessing motioned to approve the survey to go out, 2nd by Liz Lawless. Motion approved unanimously.

12) **New Business**
   
a) **Updates & Changes Since Last Meeting** – Tim Hinkle – Discussion Item

b) **Ad Hoc – Community Work Day** – Phill Dayton -- Discussion/Action Item
   1. Hand crew work in the community is on hold until we have a chief who can get programs going.
   2. Ernie Lory offered to provide Phill Dayton the permissions document for seniors.

c) **Firewise Tracking Document** – Tim Hinkle/Deb Gregory – Discussion/Action Item
   1. A final excel spreadsheet was presented.
   2. Mark Almer motioned to approve the timesheet, 2nd by Ken Strangfeld. Motion approved unanimously.
   3. An electronic link will be emailed to everyone.

d) **Pioneer Fire Health Fair** – Tim Hinkle – Discussion Item
   1. Renamed to “South County Health & Safety Fair” to be within our mission statement.
   2. We will be bringing evacuation bags.
   3. April 28, 2018 from 9 am to 3 pm at Mountain Creek Middle School.
   4. Planning meeting at Pioneer Union School District office on December 6, 2017 at 6 pm.

e) **GF26 9 Acres Shaded Fuel Break** - Steve Hupner - Discussion/Action item/Expenditure
   1. 9 acres consisting of 3 parcels, south of the reservoir to be done by CCC. To be done in the spring with chips broadcast back to landscape. Funding from SRA taxes.
   2. We are responsible for CEQA which will cost up to $1,500. We hope to get some funding donated but our council may need to pay this.
   3. Steve Hupner asked for funding for environmental document to be able to proceed with GF26 not to be more than $2,000. Mark Almer motioned to budget not to exceed $2000 to prepare the CEQA documents for GF26, 2nd by Kim Gustafson. Motion approved unanimously.

f) **Ad Hoc Committee** - Policies & Procedures Manual - Tim - Discussion/Action Item
   1. Suggested is to prepare a P&P for Facebook, web interaction, Mileage & Travel
   2. Melanie Hessing and Ken Strangfeld were asked to be on the committee.
   3. Kim Gustafson offered the CSD sample as a template.
   4. Phill Dayton motioned to approve an ad hoc committee, 2nd by Kathy Melvin. Motion approved unanimously.
   5. Ernie Lory will provide the county FSC P&P.

13) **Committee Reports**
   
a) **Public Outreach Coordinator** – Deb Gregory
   1. More information is being uploaded to our website.
   2. Newsletter will go out about Nov 18th, suggestions were asked to be submitted by Nov 14th 2017.
   3. FB page has a team of editors/administrators which are Mark Almer, Deb Gregory and Tim Hinkle.

b) **Defensible Space** – Steve Frazier
1. Steve Frazier will pass on Defensible Space questions to Tina Holum to share with distribution of the Awareness Manuals.

c) Grants/CWPP – Steve Hupner, Ernie Lory, Tim Hinkle, Ken Strangfeld, Kelly Auville
   1. Ken Strangfeld – GF 32 Phase 1 completed, Phase 2 almost completed. Phase 3 is being started and will go out to bid for the work and is expected to start in Spring. Barry Callenberger has found that additional trees have been found that could qualify between the initial land survey and when the work has begun. Those additional trees can be requested to be added.
   2. Steve Hupner – Without knowing if we are awarded GF17/18 it could be $400,000 along Caldor Rd. There is a mapping software item with an annual subscription of $107 which could save us from having to ask others to do our mapping.

d) Parliamentary – Melanie Hessing – Passed.

e) Public Education - Mark Almer
   1. Possibly expect burning to resume next week.
   2. Mark Almer asked for Ernie Lory to get a stack of the Ready Set Go publications.

14) Community Announcements
   a. PVFA is hosting the Fire & Wine event at Saluti Cellars tonight 5:30 to 7:30 pm you can make a donation even if you will not attend the Fire & Wine event.
   b. PVFA Crab Banquets for 2018 have been cancelled for lack of volunteers to work and manage the event.

15) For the Good of the Order
   a. Blue Shield is offering meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas, let Sheriff Wunschel know of families in need.

16) Adjourn
   Motion to adjourn in memory of Judie Irwin raised by Kim Gustafson at 11:23 a.m., with a 2nd by Kathy Melvin. Motion Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Tina Holum
Secretary Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council
Jan. 6, 2017