

COALITION OF FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: Madelyn Helling Library

FSC = Fire Safe Council

Welcome and Announcements – Kent Rees

Meeting called to order at 5:34. ½ year mark of the Coalition, started in September 2017. All three committee Action Plans, Enforcement, Evacuation and Real Estate have been approved and have the full force of the Coalition.

Kent met with Matt Wallen, CAL Fire Battalion Chief, working on neighborhood trainings. Matt felt he could do 2 trainings with communities in May. Focus on Lake Wildwood and Alta Sierra. There at two dates suggested, May 20 or May 27. Bring 10 fire engines, identify 10 houses on separate streets, and simulate evacuation. Community is encouraged to observe and be part of the debriefing afterwards. Suggested that the Union send a reporter for more exposure. Possibly invite other Firewise Communities to observe if they won't be in the way.

Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, May 5

May 5 Community Wildfire Preparedness Day Festival – Rood Center – 1-4 pm(tentative) - Live Band, kid activities, chip pets, demonstrations, bicycle safety course, drunk carts (simulation), free BBQ from Suburban Propane – The Coalition will have a table, interfacing with the public. Firewise Communities encouraged to have a table and get credit for Firewise Activity. Contact The FSC if you are interested in setting up a Firewise Community Table. A \$500 mini grant from FSC for the Firewise Community with the most attendees.

Culinary Adventure – FSC Fundraiser, April 6

Helene Hall encouraged all to attend and support the FSC Fundraiser. Buy tickets, sponsor, attend, and donate for the silent auction. Try to get all donations etc. in by the week before the event. Support the FSC.

Other Announcements

Tom Peck – SNAP - **Special Needs Assistance Program** helps seniors, elderly, disabled that might need assistance – with proper financial qualifications these folks can get financial assistance. There is a long waiting list but there is a resource available.

Susan Rogers – There is need for roadside clearance document that is easy to understand, she has a draft in the works.

NFPA Firewise Community Program: update – J. Drummond

There are new standards from NFPA. The new contribution requirement is \$24.14 per household (the same value as one hour of volunteer time), can count Green Waste Pickup as an expense. There is a change in the requirements for hazard assessment - -updating every 5 years. Each Firewise Community can only have 2500 housing units, so large Firewise

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communities such as Alta Sierra and Banner Mountain will have to be split up at a future date with assistance from Joanne Drummond. The document with the new requirements is on the website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/coalitionoffirewisecommunities/home>

Hazardous Vegetation Appeal to County – F. Jorgensen

Frances talked to Heidi Hall. It was suggested to approach the Supervisors **and** the City Councils. Ex: Scotch broom needs to be dealt with. Supervisors need to be engaged, start with the staff of the politicians to get them on board. Suggested that there is a lot of groundwork, mention that the Coalition is behind this.

Subcommittee Progress Reports – Real Estate, Enforcement, Evacuation

Real Estate Susan Rogers reported: Training date is May 24, with FSC at Association of Realtors. Let's keep realtors informed about Defensible Space, we want the owners and managers of the real estate companies to become the advocates, so that the brokers put pressure on their agents.

Enforcement – Dario Davidson reported: Action Plan document is designed to be a tool for the public to use with their Supervisors. This is in support of existing policy. Looking to make pitch for the improvements to the enforcement. Looking to strengthen the ordinance. We need volunteers who will speak to Supervisors in district 3 & 4. Need to schedule a strategy meeting.

Evacuation – Chris Reilly reported: Working on research for alert systems, sirens, signage. They have enlisted technical volunteers that can develop a sophisticated alert system. Communication is one of the largest concerns. Engineering team organized project is called FireFlight. Working on different technical systems, software, lights, sirens, communication, linking all the systems etc. Right now in the brainstorming stage. Working with John at OES.

Minutes, Communications, Website, etc. - J. Peach

Website is growing and will be a great depository for pertinent documents.

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F. Bylaws: Fine Tuning – P. Williams, Bylaws Committee – (15 minutes)

By-Laws passed out, 2 page document! Simple and straight forward, we can change the bylaws in the future as needed. The By-laws were adopted by unanimous vote of those present and will be posted on website.

Adjourned 7:32

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Coalition Members in Attendance (X)

	NAME	FWC
X	Bell, Kevin	Bear River Ranch
	Bottomfield, Marlene	Tumbling Creek Neighborhood
	Branstrom, Bob	Wolf Creek Lodge
X	Buschman, Gena	Greater Cement Hill
X	Chandler, Steve	Lake of the Pines
X	Cuccia, Mike	Mountain Lakes Estates HA
X	Curtin, Ed	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
X	Davidson, Dario	Lower Colfax FW
	Davis, Dennis	Toller Ridge Ct
	Diamond, Eve	Owl Creek/Jones Bar Neighborhood
X	Drummond, Joanne	Fire Safe Council of NC
	Ellisor, Jim	Rattlesnake Ridge Estates
	Emery, Jack	Echo Ridge Neighborhood
X	Enoch, Beth	Greater Cemtn Hill NA
	Ericson, Krista	Wolf Creek Lodge
	Fish, Cathe	Squirrel Creek HOA
	Gardner, Suzanne	Sierra Knolls HOA
	Goering, Peter	Ananda Firewise Community
	Gompertz, Virginia	Lake Wildwood HA
	Guerwitz, Phyllis	Lake Wildwood HA
X	Hall, Helene	Banner Mountain Neighbors
	Hanson, Dave	FSCNC
X	Hardy, Joan	Cascade Shores HA
X	Haroldsen, Gene	Rattlesnake NA
	Hawkins, Vicki	Darkhorse HOA Auburn
	Hood, Dave	Stonebridge HA
	Houdyschell, Bill	Tahoe-Donner Assoc.
	Jansen, Sandy	You Bet Community
	Jeffrey, Nancy	The Gazebos
	Johnson, Ryck	Buck Mountain Rd Assoc
X	Jorgensen, Frances	Greater Champion FW
X	Knox, Christine	Red Dog-You Bet Community
	Lee, Bob	Lodestar HOA & FWC
	Main, Martin	Bear River Ranch
	Mann, Gordon	Lake of the Pines
	Mason, Jackie	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	McGillicuddy, Paul	Lightening Tree Rd Assoc
X	McLean, Mike	Ridgeview Woodlands HA
X	Novak, Gloria	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
X	Peach, Gale	Friends of Banner Mtn
X	Peach, Jeff	Friends of Banner Mtn FWC
X	Peck, Tom	No Affiliation
	Porter, Debbie	Golden Oaks HA
X	Pridemore, Karen	6B Ranch Estates

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X	Proano, Robert	6B Ranch Estates
X	Rees, Kent	Cascade Shores HA
X	Reilly, Christopher	Alta Sierra POA
	Roberts, Moana	Jumper Hills FWC
X	Rogers, Susan	Glenwood-Maidu-Charlene N
	Scarmon, George	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
	Scarmon, Jeanne	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
x	Small, F. Mac	Alta Sierra
	Smith, Vern	Ranch Rd HOA
	Staetz, Chuck	Friends of Banner Mtn
	Van Arsdale, Rhonda	Lake Wildwood HA
X	Warner, Michael	Alta Sierra POA
	Williams, Curt	Foxwood Estates
x	Williams, Pete	Greater Champion NA
x	Wilson, Bill	Lake Vera

Next Coalition Meeting, April 3, 6:00 – 7:30
Following the Public Education meeting which starts
at 5:30