

# COALITION OF FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: Madelyn Helling Library

## Coalition Members in Attendance

✓	Name	Firewise Group
X	Kent Rees ( <i>Chair</i> )	Cascade Shores
X	Susan Rogers ( <i>Co-Chair</i> )	Glenwood-Maidu-Charlene Neighborhood
X	Frances Jorgensen, <i>Secretary</i>	Greater Champion
X	Michael Warner	Alta Sierra POA
X	Christopher Reilly	Alta Sierra POA
X	Martin Main	Bear River Ranch
X	Joan Hardy	Cascade Shores
X	Beth Enoch	Cement Hill
X	Joanne Drummond	FireSafe Council Exec Dir
X	Peter Beesley	Greater Alta Sierra FC
X	Sam Gitchel	Greater Champion
	Pete Williams	Greater Champion
X	Steve Chandler	Lake of the Pines
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X	Gloria Novak	Lake Vera-Round Mtn
X	Dario Davidson	Lower Colfax
		Mountain Lakes Estates
X	Gene Haroldsen	Rattlesnake NA
X	Christine Knox	Red Dog-You Bet Community
X	Mike McLean	Ridgeview Woodlands
	Robert Long	Sherwood Forest

## Agenda and Minutes

### Agenda Item No. 1: Announcements/ Information Sharing:

- The first ½ hour of the next CFC meeting will be the Education meeting of the Firesafe Council of Nevada County (FSCNC or the FSC).
- Kent is an Associate Director on the FSC. Kent will be a conduit of information between the CFC and the FSC.
- Susan Rogers will take over for Frances as Co-chair. Frances will be away for a few months due to knee surgery in January.
- Frances will send out the list of Firewise Committees, Reps and contact info. Email list needs clarification on who is the rep and who is the alternate.
- To increase our visibility, it was agreed that Kent will attend the Dec. 12 BOS's meeting and describe our key initiatives. Susan Rogers is a trained professional and will help with this and other public outreach efforts. Kent will write an article for the Union about who we are and our new initiatives

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- ~~The group discussed when, what and how our information should be put out to the public. Joan suggested that if we are going public, YubaNet and KVMR should be used.~~
- The group agreed that a mission statement was important before we are ready to go public and that it should be on the agenda for the next meeting along with the bylaws.

## Agenda Item No. 2: Old Business— Action Committee Updates

- **Real Estate** (Kent Reese & and Susan Rogers)

After the last meeting Kent's conducted an email vote to gain agreement to proceed. While he received a number of comments and questions, the initiative was approved. It was noted that it is difficult for those not in attendance to fully understand the issue and suggested actions. Since most of our 45 Firewise committees don't come to the meetings, we need to very carefully consider how or if we are going to vote by email again. We can't ask people to vote on everything. We need a tight format – what's the problem and the plan of action.

Susan explained that it didn't take long to get their first meeting with the Association of Realtors, but the second mtg. has been delayed to Dec. 20 due to their busy schedule. Susan and Kent will review with them the draft of a revised Defensible Space Advisors checklist, which the Association said they could make a requirement for Realtors to use in all transactions. They were positive about our proposal for a Firewise Realtor Certification program, and Joanne has begun working on what that training would look like.

- **Evacuation Routes** (Chris Riley, Michael Warner, Christine Knox, Steve Chandler, Edwin Curtis, John Wade, Kathy Fisch).

Chris explained that the problem is how to move people quickly out of harm's way in an emergency such as the recent wildfires. The committee is studying what other communities are doing, such as using the civil defense warning systems, a loud horn, the tsunami warning system, and reactivating the old nuclear warning system. Alta Sierra is ground zero for this problem. Over 100 people attended a meeting in Alta Sierra after the last fire.

What about tourists and visitors in our area? Every community is unique and will need their own evacuation plan. Education and training must be part of any plan.

- **Enforcement** (Peter Beesley, Beth Enoch, Dario Davidson and Joanne Drummond (advisor): Peter described the committee's work and action plan. Their write-up will be sent out to the membership for review.

## Agenda Item No. 3: Discussion of Bylaws and Mission Statement

Frances handed out draft bylaws for the group to review. It was agreed that voting should take place at business meetings only (not by email). Some thought a quorum should be required and others did not. What makes up a quorum was not discussed.

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We need more participation. To increase participation, let people know ahead of time what we will vote on and that we need a quorum. Email voting is very difficult and inefficient. Since the

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email vote for Real Estate (referred to by Kent above) was 'opt out', there was no way to know how many voted last month.

Peter Beesley suggested to try to engage and recruit people – enlist Joanne for ideas. Maybe we need to be ambassadors to other communities.

Pete Williams and Frances Jorgensen will use these suggestions to modify the draft bylaws to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Action Items:**

- Kent will check the time and date of the BOS meeting and when the public is allowed to speak and let everyone know so that members can attend in order to show support.
- Kent will write article for the Union and YubaNet and others to get ourselves 'revealed' to the community.
- Frances will send out the list of names and contact info.
- Pete Williams and Frances Jorgensen will modify the bylaws to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday January 2, 2018 @ 5:30 pm**

### **Tentative Agenda Items:**

- First ½ hour will be FSCNC education meeting
- Team Reports: Real Estate, Evacuation, and Enforcement
- Discussion of mission and goal of Coalition
- Review of draft Bylaws