



LACC Firewise Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting - September 13, 2021

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

Committee Members in attendance (in-person and ZOOM): Penny Leinwander (Chair), Michael Daly, Cliff Shelton, Ken Theobald, Barry Biermann, Eric Thaden, Leslie Prindle-Klein, and Sandy Bader. Scott Devereaux agreed to act as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

- July 22, 2021, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- Status of Action Items:

The Chair provided status the five action items created at the last meeting. Letters were sent to the LACC Board of Directors on August 1 and 2, 2021, addressing the Top FW Goals and fuels reduction guidance on ROWs and common areas. The action item concerning defensible space and general fuels reduction is to be included in the FW Workshop on Enforcement. It was agreed that a workshop would also be set up on enforcement of Defensible Space Inspections. These workshops may be combined. Another action item was to contact Lake Almanor Associates about the timber harvest. This item is now part of the LACC Shaded Fuel Break Project.

- FW member/Public Comments

There were many comments, many concerning vacant lots. Vacant Lot on Lake Ridge needs cleanup and tree has already fallen on a neighbor's house. The lot is in arrears and in collections. Scott Devereaux said he would follow up on this. There was a question on how to remove trees that may be on PG&E property (i.e., 4500 ft along lake), and an action item was added for this. It was recommended that specific instructions be provided to LACC maintenance so it is clear what needs to be done in ROWs. We should have a Registered Professional Forester reviewing properties for dead and diseased and hazardous trees. It was recommended that if you have an adjacent lot that has problem trees and appears to be a fire hazard, to have a RPF evaluate the lot and prepare a report. If there are future problems this will provide documentation

New Business:

- a. Shaded Fuel Break A DRAFT letter with "Subject: FW Committee Recommendations for the LACC Shaded Fuel Break Project" was distributed for review by members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the letter with a recommended addition of including a 150 ft fuel break along the west side of Clifford Drive, from Clifford Gate up to A-13. A comment was made that this fuel break should be in 3rd place behind the SFBs along the northern border. The motion passed 9-0. Penny was tasked with making the change and submitting to Scott for inclusion in the BOD packet.
- b. Workshop for changes to LACC Governing Documents Many aspects of enforcement of fuels reductions for developed, undeveloped, common areas, and empty lots were discussed. Penny was tasked with setting up an Enforcement Workshop. The following LACC members volunteered to conduct the workshop: Ed Organ, Tony Taylor, Scott Devereaux, Cliff Shelton, and Eric Thaden.

- c. DSI Program Unfortunately the Chair did not have anything concrete and in writing to bring to the meeting. A discussion followed and it was recommended that a motion be presented at the September 18, 2021, board meeting. Scott was to provide a draft and comments would be provided and final version approved within 48 hours.
- d. 2022 FW Budget Proposed Ken Theobald discussed the budget that was handed out. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2022 Budget. The motion was passed 9-0.
- e. Proposed MEMBER ASSISTANCE DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM The idea was floated to have an assistance program set up help members with what is recommended to meet fuels reduction standards on their lots. There was not much enthusiasm for this.

Meeting Adjourned at 12 noon.