



## LACC Firewise Committee Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2021 4:00 pm

### Minutes:

The meeting was called to order (Zoom Meeting) at 4 pm.

Committee Members in attendance: Penny Leinwander (Chair), Michael Daly, Cliff Shelton, Ken Theobald, Randy Wright. The chair discussed the ground rules listed on the agenda. Later in the meeting, it was brought up that Robert's Rules were not followed for non-member comments. This will be changed for future meetings.

### New Business:

**GOALS:** The first business item was to discuss the Current Top Three Goals for the Firewise Committee. The three goals were:

1. Reduction of hazardous fuels in the Right of Ways in LACC (should we include common areas?)
2. Reduction of hazardous fuels on privately owned lots
3. Shaded Fuel Break along Northern border of LACC

Discussion followed and a motion was made and passed to provide these top priorities to the LACC Board. Because the July 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting was cancelled, the committee concurred that a letter to all board members should be sent as soon as possible. The Chair will draft and send to members for review.

**LACC CONTROLLED PROPERTY CLEAN UP:** The second business item concerned the clean up of right of ways and other areas under LACC control (common areas, areas around the golf course). It was a lively discussion concerning what standards should be applied, what areas were we talking about, and ensuring that people could easily evacuate as quickly as possible. The chair recommended that we follow the "Proposed LACC Fire Safe Guidelines" previously distributed. The "Outer Defensible Area" (30-100 ft) fuels reduction criteria was recommended for LACC controlled property. The defensible space criteria is oriented to a structure/home. For the right of ways and other LACC property, there is not a home to orient to.

It was agreed that more research needed to be done on what is the applicable standard. LE-100 and PRC 4291 were mentioned. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the BOD which would give specific guidance for the LACC maintenance crew to follow. There was a 4-point strategy provided by Michael Daly that will be followed. Again, this will be sent out by email for review. The goal is to get this to the board, whether or not the July meeting is rescheduled.

**REDUCTION OF HAZARDOUS FUELS ON PRIVATELY OWNED LOTS:** The Chair provided a list of Objectives for this goal. There were many discussion points, which unfortunately I did not get documented. One important point brought up was that there are 300 vacant lots in LACC, and that there were letters sent out requesting that fuel reduction activities be conducted on individual lots. The Chair asked for an example letter, when the GM has more time (current fire crisis takes priority). Another suggestion was to have a Workshop to discuss the many issues associated with private lots. The Chair agreed to arrange the workshop for sometime in the future.

SHADED FUEL BREAK NORTH OF LACC: The Chair began the discussion by stating that the first thing that needed to be done was contacting the property owners (outside LACC jurisdiction) and determine what is the status of their planned Timber Harvest. An application has been submitted to Calfire to perform timber harvest on about 1500 acres. The Board President has taken this action item.

Public Comments were then requested. The meeting adjourned at approx. 4:50 pm

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Letter to BOD re: Goals
2. Letter to BOD re: Fuel reduction on LACC owned properties
3. Research Codes and Regulations relating to defensible space and general wildfire hazardous fuel reduction standards
4. Set up a Workshop for Private Lot Defensible Space Objectives
5. Contact Lake Almanor Associates for update on Timber Harvest

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