



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee**  
**September 27, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m. Zoom ONLY Meeting**

Committee Members Present: David Douglas, Fred Thrash, Dan Battin, Rich Bowman

Committee Members Absent:

GMF Staff: Nate Scott (Town Planner, FMAC Secretary)

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	M/S	DD	FT	DB	RB	
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No changes to agenda.						
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.						
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- August 30, 2021	Moved to approve, motion passed unanimously.	DB/RB	A	A	A	A	
5. OLD BUSINESS							
a. Revisions to Evacuation Plan	<p>Review of action items from last meeting. N. Scott reported changes to Evac Plans: improved zone explanations, added text to describe basic use of plans, improved grammar and punctuation, removed Fire Station from Temporary Refuge Zone (TRZ) text, and added El Paso Ave East.</p> <p>Chair Douglas did get approval from Jesse Stroope about using Joyland's lot as a TRZ. Member Murphy mentioned that El Paso County also uses Twitter extensively in emergency operation situations.</p>						

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	<p>Member Battin mentioned talking to Chief Murphy about getting all residents signed up for the El Paso County reverse 911 service.</p> <p>Discussion about who is responsible for telling what people to do in the TRZs. Member Battin verified that once a fire grows outside of local GMF Fire capacity, there will be an incident commander from the County who will address specific needs during the operation (“in the moment”).</p> <p>Member Bowman referenced the Town’s emergency plan as to what defines the individual responsibilities and expectations in the event of any incident, not just fire.</p> <p>Committee agreed that we should add the recommendation about reverse 911 notifications to the evacuation plan.</p> <p>Motion to approve the evacuation plan subject to the addition of sign-up steps for El Paso County e911.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	DB/RB	A	A	A	A	
<p>b. CUSP Grant – Fuels Mitigation</p>	<p>Committee reviewed Adrian Knight’s (AK) recommended mitigation areas. He advised that they are still waiting on contractor determination to begin the work.</p> <p>Member Battin asked if the El Paso County crew could work on areas as they have time (free of charge for training purposes). Adrian will need to double check with the office</p>						

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	<p>and will email a mitigation prescription to Member Battin if the plan is ok to proceed with.</p> <p>Timeline of work, AK: comes down to contractor timeline – must wait for availability of hand crews. Most likely not this year. Discussion changed to whether volunteers could be used for town ROW work. Need to clarify this with Town Manager.</p> <p>No formal committee action taken. Action item for committee members: all explore volunteer options for mitigation work in Town ROW. Member Battin to explore options with his team for doing volunteer work outside of the CUSP scope.</p>						
<p>c. New FMAC Facebook page for public education and communication</p>	<p>N. Scott reported that Town Manager’s position is that because the FMAC is an official Town committee, all communication needs to be vetted, managed, and published by Town staff. Staff can add pages to the Town website under the existing FMAC heading to organize information. Staff can also publish certain information on Facebook. Others can then disseminate the information via private Facebook pages. Other ideas were suggested, such as posting information at the GMF and Cascade post offices. Chair Douglas requested a formal statement from Town Manager regarding how to publish official Town info from FMAC.</p> <p>No formal committee action taken.</p>						
<p>d. Tree mortality report from CSFS</p>	<p>This report is specific to the Iona ROW project area. Chair Douglas wanted to make sure committee members have seen it. It provides a good summary of the mistletoe and beetle</p>						

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	<p>situation and what can and should be done with the downed trees.</p> <p>No formal committee action taken.</p>						
<b>6. NEW BUSINESS</b>							
<p>a. Citizen notification of matching funds</p>	<p>The issue is how to notify the Town’s residents about how to get involved with the CUSP grant program to mitigate private property. The process should be detailed and available on the Town’s website and FB page so that other users can promote the content. Funding is available through 2024.</p> <p>N. Scott volunteered to write up a summary of the process.</p>						
<b>7. REPORTS</b>							
<p>a. Notification and Evacuation</p>	No report.						
<p>b. Fuels Mitigation</p>	No report.						
<p>c. Grants</p>	No report.						
<p>d. Education</p>	No report.						
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE</b>							
<p>a. Review document with links to Fire Mitigation education resources</p>	<p>Review of document N. Scott created which contains some links from Colorado State Forest Service, as well as other links, which can be included on new FMAC website pages.</p>						
<b>9. ADJOURN</b>	Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.						