



MEETING MINUTES
Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee
October 24, 2022
6:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Committee Members Present: David Douglas, Dan Battin, Kelly Hunter, Paul Yingling

On Zoom: Ex-officio member Trustee Nick Donzello, Recording Secretary Carolyn Bowers

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	Motion/ 2nd	DD	DB	KH	PY	
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No changes to Agenda by committee members.						
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comments						
4. CONSENT AGENDA	Adopted Minutes from 9/26/22 meeting	PY, ??	A	A	A	A	
5. OLD BUSINESS	CUSP update. Out of 81 acres to be mitigated under two CUSP grants, 12 1/2 acres are completed. Douglas requested Adrian Knight, CUSP forester, provide an updated map of the CUSP work. One year remains on the SFA grant (ends in 2023); two years remain on the Furman??? Grant (ends in 2024). CUSP wants to mediate 13 ½ acres of undeveloped town-owned		A	A	A	A	

	<p>rights of way, plus other “workable” town land. Also discussed for CUSP work is remediation on developed rights of way with trees in the shoulders. Work on rights of way requires careful coordination with property owners. Once CUSP has completed work, in about two years, it will no longer be in the area. Its mandate is to work in the upper South Platte watershed.</p> <p>Mile High Youth Corps grant – Work completed. The Thomas Trail is mitigated from its east entrance to just before the Catamount Trail.</p> <p>Lots of tree-length logs remain needing to be cut and scattered. Volunteers could do some of this; or grants may be available to complete the cleanup. Hunter suggested recruiting people needing community service hours. She will discuss with Town Clerk Nate Scott who oversees the final phase.</p> <p>Education program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. November’s tip discusses defensible space around homes. b. Hunter reported Ute Pass Elementary’s principal is receptive to communicating FMAC messages to parents through email and “information days” at school. Other ways to reach people are informational programs in the school’s gym and Sallie Bush Community Center, complete with root beer floats, holiday concerts, the school newsletter. c. Rev Darlene Avery, Church of the Wildwood, is willing to fire mitigation messages on the church website and weekly newsletter. 						
6. EVACUATION EDUCATION	Douglas said education about evacuation needs to anticipate the “waterfall” of everything that happens in an evacuation,						

EVACUATION EDUCATION CON'T	<p>resources available to people, what they need packed and ready to go, and more.</p> <p>Battin will contact Pikes Peak Office of Emergency Management (PPOEM) and El Paso Co. sheriff for help in developing an evacuation plan, including asking what they can do for GMF.</p> <p>Battin will also talk to contacts at PPOEM to arrange a meeting with the FMAC and Board of Trustees members.</p>						
7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS	<p>Hunter and Battin are charged with creating a 2023 calendar of events (monthly or quarterly, TBA) centered on key fire mitigation and evacuation topics by the November meeting. Topics should be simple to begin with, leading to more comprehensive subjects. The Red Cross may be a good source of information and ideas.</p>						
8. DATA BASE BUILDING	<p>Yingling said every event should be data base building event. He will talk to Avery about the church's role in creating a data base.</p>						
9. HOME FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS	<p>Battin will reach out to Byron Spinney, Hope Restored, about possibly getting help with conducting assessments. Although GMF's fire department is responsible for providing assessments, it doesn't have the manpower to do them.</p>						

10. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER	The committee voted to recommend John Bell as a new FMAC member to the Board of Trustees.	DD, KH	A	A	A	A	
11. 2023 BUDGET AND GOALS	Douglas attended a BOT work session Oct. 18 where he presented FMAC's goals and requested budget. The committee is asking for \$81,620: \$15,000 CUSP match; \$32,400 COSWAP match; \$5000 SFA match; GOCO match \$8,000 (if we receive grant); El Pomar match \$16,000 (if we receive); Education and Outreach \$5,000.						
12. NOVEMBER MEETING, ADJOURN	Monday, Nov. 28 6:30 pm Zoom only Adjourned 8:33 pm						

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