



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86038285856?pwd=NDdhZDRlV0tXbjh2OEJjYXFnUVB3UT09>

Meeting ID: 860 3828 5856

Passcode: 121425

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REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6:00	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
6:00	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	FMC Action Desired
6:05	3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
6:10	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from October 30 Meeting	FMC Action Desired
6:15	5.	OLD BUSINESS a. Education Program Update – Lisa and Kelly (see Community Education topic list) i. Possible presentation from Team Rubicon ii. Possible presentation from Red Cross b. Monthly tip – Paul Yingling c. GMF resident and property owner data base update (information only) d. Formation of Volunteer Groups i. Block Captains ii. Volunteer Data Base and Tracking	FMC Action Desired
7:00	6.	NEW BUSINESS a. MYHC, KFF, and CUSP Grant updates – January planning meeting b. 2024 FMAC Budget update c. Lorrie Worthey Application for FMAC	FMC Action Desired
7:30	7.	REPORTS a. None	Information Only
7:30	8.	CORRESPONDENCE	Information Only
7:30	9.	ADJOURN	Information Only

*Please note: Times are approximate.

**The Town shall provide reasonable accommodation for those with disabilities on a case by case basis. Please send accommodation requests to clerk@gmfco.us by 4pm on the date of the meeting.

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, November 27, 2023**

Committee Members Present

David Douglas, chair
Paul Yingling, vice chair
Kelly Hunter, member
Lisa Huizenga, member
(All members on Zoom)

Trustee Members Present

None

Town Staff Present

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Recording Secretary

None. (Minutes taken from Zoom video)

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 6 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Hunter moved to adopt the agenda with no changes. Yingling seconded. Motion passed on voice vote.
- b. Hunter moved the committee approve the Oct. 30, 2023 minutes. Yingling seconded. Motion passed on voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT None

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approval of committee members for terms beginning January 2024

Hunter moved the committee recommend the following slate of members to the Board of Trustees. Huizenga seconded. Motion approved on voice vote.

David Douglas One year term
Paul Yingling, Lisa Huizenga, Kelly Hunter Three-year term
Open seat One year term

- b. Education update

Huizenga and Hunter discussed suggested ideas and topics for community meetings that would feature You Tube videos dealing with defensive space around homes and other

mitigation tactics, recovery from a fire, and insurance. Another suggestion is to ask residents to send in photos of their homes so FMAC can use them in a public meeting discussing good mitigation and areas needing improvement.

They also reported Nancy Dixon's suggestion to put signs at both entrances of GMF noting fire danger levels and other signage recommendations. Dixon also recommends FMAC update the town-prepared fliers required in short term rentals to educate visitors on fire prevention in the mountains.

The Red Cross will also be involved in education projects.

Douglas asked Hunter and Huizenga to bring a written plan incorporating these ideas to FMAC's December meeting. Hunter will contact Church in the Wildwood about dates for holding meetings in January or February. Douglas will talk to Jesse Stroope, Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee chair, about sign-making capabilities and making signs that are aesthetically appealing. He will investigate rules regarding signage in GMF.

Tip of the Month: Huizenga moved, and Hunter seconded a motion to adopt the Red Cross's Christmas tree safety tips as December's tip. Motion adopted on voice vote.

Property owner database: Yingling reported no new signups.

Volunteer groups: Huizenga reported no new developments.

5. NEW BUSINESS There was no new business before the committee.

6. REPORTS No reports

7. CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence

8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Monday, Dec. 18, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Community Education Topics

Dear FMAC,

As we are brainstorming education ideas to be discussed at the December 18 meeting, here are some resources for us to consider. A big thank you to Carolyn Bowers for getting these ideas to us, and asking for community input on educational needs. Nancy Dixon was a respondent with excellent ideas. Thank you Carolyn and Nancy!

“Be Red Cross Ready” <https://www.redcross.org/local/colorado/about-us/our-work/preparedness-program/be-red-cross-ready.html> This program can be adapted to our area’s needs. Top of our list of educational needs that the Red Cross has programs for are: a Home Fire unit, and a Wildfire Unit.

Nancy Dixon writes in response to Carolyn’s posting of Paul’s November Tip of the Month and Carolyn asking readers what they want to know more about, here is an excerpt, “I was reading the Red Cross flyer and I like how they address Disaster Preparedness which included winter storms. Our little mountain town concentrates on fire, which is appropriate, but there are other natural and manmade emergencies that our residents should be prepared for. This could include: winter storms (power outages), flash flooding, active shooter, chemical spills (remember WP and the gas truck?). Maybe these could be fleshed out in monthly tips and/or education nights?” Here is a Red Cross link for addressing a few of these issues (and there may be more.) <https://www.redcross.org/local/colorado/about-us/our-work/preparedness-program/active-threat-preparedness.html>. This brings up the question of scope of FMAC’s work and a discussion to follow?

Nancy also would like information on recovery from an event. “Such as adequate insurance to rebuild, taking pictures/videos of your belongings, etc.” Would having an insurance expert be of help?

In May, 2024 Community Partnership <https://cpteller.org/> will be sponsoring the Wildfire unit in their offices. Options...We could join them in that effort, or have Red Cross present it at Church of the Wildwood.)

The Red Cross also offers education for kids that can be coordinated at the same time as the adult presentation. Here is that link....

<https://www.redcross.org/local/colorado/about-us/our-work/preparedness-program/prepare-with-pedro.html>

Ideas from Carolyn:

YouTube Videos

These might be suitable for a movie night. The National Fire Protection Assn. sent them out.

A word about the NoFloCo video: It's wonderful, beautifully-produced and inspiring. It does a good job of demonstrating practical mitigation tips. I think it's a bit long, however, for the amount of

useful information it conveys. These videos are shorter, more to the point and, for me, do a good job of speaking to the homeowner. More on NoFloCo later.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL_syp1ZScM&t=54s This repeats the oft-heard message about how inexpensive, little things that can make a difference in protecting a home. However, it's the visual impact and commentary that really make the point.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQIHtMQ_y5k This does a side-by-side comparison of two simulated homes assaulted by the same shower of embers. One structure had a redwood deck and mulch going all the way up the house. The other had a metal gutter, vegetation away from the house and multi-pane windows.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4JpOdS9ffi> I still don't think people get what defensible space is all about. This video starts with showing how defensible space saved a house in the desert while his neighbors' homes without it were destroyed. That said, the fire chief commentator goes on to explain why defensible space doesn't mean people have to clear-cut the space around their homes to make it defensible. It means choosing the right plants, structures, etc. In other words, "firescaping." How about using that when talking about defensible space?

Borrowing from NoFloCo

There is one idea from the group that you might be able to adapt. Before the NoFloCo meeting John and I attended last March, Don Moore asked participants to send in pictures of their homes. At the meeting, Don projected those pictures on a screen and pointed out areas of good mitigation and areas needing improvement.

Other Brainstorming

Firefighter Appreciation Night in conjunction with an education piece. FYI... First Responders Appreciation Day in 2024 is October 28th but this event any time of year can have the opportunity to enhance partnerships.

Quarterly Meetings

Time frames of Educational Forums done "Quarterly"
Proposal of timing to accommodate summer residents (So not strictly following a quarterly schedule.). Perhaps our best chances to reach summer residents are during Green Box.

First Quarter: Late January to Early February

Second Quarter: April to Late May

Third Quarter: In conjunction with Green Box . 2024 Green Box event is July 1 to July 14, 2024.

Fourth Quarter: September/October

Topic of 1st Quarter - Home Fires by Red Cross and Emergency Preparedness with Firefighter Appreciation night????? Team Rubicon apparently has been in recent contact with town hall. Becky is putting Dave from Team Rubicon in touch with our own David Douglas to join our next FMAC

MEETING. POSSIBLY Team Rubicon would be available for January 18 or February 7 education night.

Topic of Second Quarter TBD.... Encourage participation in the Community Partnership's event planned in May.

Green Box - Movie Night, Defensible Space videos, Mitigation Pictures of Residents homes and Review by ??? (Paul or Ute Pass Firefighters or ???)

Other Ideas, "what is wrong with this tree" Forester could come and help residents determine potential diseases in their trees (aka nuisance trees.) Or ???

Topic of 4th Quarter TBD

Place: Church of the Wildwood or Green Box campus

Ideas for Promotion of events:

1. Carolyn's posts on Facebook
2. Church of the Wildwood Newsletter
3. Mayors monthly email
4. Green Box
5. GMF and Chipita Park fire stations
6. Personal invites to folks on the FMAC list. Ask volunteers on that list to invite their neighbors

Carolyn, if you could keep asking for residents input when you post Paul's monthly tips that would be invaluable.

Kelly and Lisa



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Committee Volunteer Application

Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

Name: Lorrie Worthey

Address of Primary Residency: 6955 Denver Ave. Green Mt Falls, 80819

Alternate Address: P.O. Box 7 G.M.F.

Phone Number: 719-684-2310 (home) Email address: Lorrie.Worthey@msn.com
719-651-9367 (cell)

Are you willing to serve as an alternate? Yes No

Each committee can have up to three alternates, who may participate in discussion and, in the event of a member's absence, may vote on issues before the committee.

Planning Commission Requirements: Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code, [Ordinance 2023-04](#) requires that Planning Commission Members hold their primary place of residency within Green Mountain Falls Town Limits.

Planning Commission Only

Applicants for the Planning Commission must submit proof of residency along with this application.

Proof of residency may be obtained on the [Colorado Secretary of State Website](#)

Signature and Acknowledgement: _____

(to be signed before a Notary Public)

Notary Public _____

All applicants please proceed to page two.

Please describe your relationship to the community/Town of Green Mountain Falls:

I have been a resident of G.M.F. for 27 years. During that time I taught school at Elk Pass Elementary and served as Mayor of our town.

Current Employer/Occupation: Self employed Health Insurance Broker

Work Experiences that may apply: Mayor During the Waldo Canyon Fire

Other Volunteer Experiences that may apply: Chamber of Commerce Board Member
Orchestrated town wide clean up after Waldo Canyon Fire.
Worked closely with CUSP in support of recovery operations post fire.
Helped Manitou clean up debris after flooding caused by the fire.

Any Special Qualifications that may apply to this volunteer position: I worked with the Board of Trustees to develop 1st Emergency Operations Plan for town. I am familiar with town Administration and Accounting. I have taken Incident Management Courses and have participated alongside El Paso County in Emergency Management Planning Exercises.

Other Current Volunteer Positions you hold: None at this time

Reasons for choosing this Volunteer Opportunity: The Waldo Canyon Fire revealed how unprepared our town was for a catastrophic event. Serving on this committee will give me the opportunity to help better prepare our town - especially our citizens - for the threats posed by wildland fire.

Affidavit: By signing below, you acknowledge that the Town of Green Mountain Falls IS NOT liable for any harm and/or injury sustained while volunteering at any Town facilities or activities.

I swear and affirm that all information I have provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Horrie Worthey

Date: 12/13/2023

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If under 18)

***Please attach any other relevant information/documentation that would enhance your application.**