

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, March 25, 2024**

Committee Members Present

(All on Zoom)

David Douglas, chair
Paul Yingling, vice chair
Kelly Hunter
Lisa Huizenga
Lorrie Worthey

Trustee Members Present

None

Town Staff Present

None

Recording Secretary

Carolyn Bowers (on Zoom)

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Yingling moved to adopt the agenda with no changes. Huizenga seconded. Motion carried on voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Douglas noted that the February minutes mistakenly said he would contact Don Walker about recruitment of volunteers for chain saw training. Yingling will do this.

Douglas moved to adopt the February minutes as amended. Hunter seconded. Motion passed on voice vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Education update Hunter said the committee is signed up to host an information table at Manitou Middle School's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEAM) night April 18. She invited committee members to attend. It starts at 5:30 pm.
- b. Green Box Douglas said there are two educational hikes on the schedule. On July 4 there is a tour of the Wallace Reserve to show visitors how a forest can be mitigated. On July 16, there is a hike to Douglas's house, Hondo Ave., to see a model of outside home mitigation and home ignition zones as prescribed by the Colorado State Forest Service. Both hikes begin at 9 am.

- c. FMAC will take part in Bronc Day, July 27. Plans were not discussed.
- d. First Responders Appreciation Day takes place Aug. 3. Huizenga will set up a meeting with Lauren Bishop, a Fire Department emergency medical, and two more people to establish goals and plan the effect. Goodwill would be one goal; a fundraising opportunity for the fire station is another. Among ideas under consideration are barbeque (\$5 per meal), a tour of the fire station, children's activities, including little firefighter hats for kid photo ops on the fire truck, and a demonstration on how to use a fire extinguisher.

Worthey will be FMAC's second representative on planning this. Hunter will provide backup as needed.

- e. Chipper Days are June 29 and June 30; Sept. 28 and Sept. 29. Chief Murphy will have volunteers pick up slash from people unable to move their slash. He needs a site to put it and the chipper. The Joyland parking lot will be used for the September event. The search is on for a site for June.
- f. Publicity for the June Chipper Days will be planned at FMAC's May meeting. Hunter will see if it can be publicized at Ute Pass Elementary and seek suggestions from town staff. Huizenga mentioned coordinating reaching out to neighbors.
- g. Team Rubicon followup. The list of people who want help has been forwarded to David LaRivee, Team Rubicon. The Team will develop a work plan and will try to extend its services to as many people as possible, including Cascade and Chipita Park. People who signed up with the Red Cross will be served first. It is Team Rubicon's responsibility to get homeowners to sign waivers before work begins. If FMAC members know anyone else who wants to sign up, they should contact Douglas.
- h. Yingling suggested one way to get Team Rubicon chainsaw training in GMF is to have six to 12 people sign up to be Rubicon volunteers. He has signed up.
- i. The April Tip of the Month is five tips for fire safety in the spring. The information is from CertaSite, a fire prevention and contracting company. FMAC added a reminder about cleaning gutters and will note the edit on the Tip. Douglas moved to accept the tip, Hunter seconded. Motion passed on voice vote.
- j. Property owner database. Yingling reported no new signups; the number remains at 81.
- k. Block captains A resident on Belvidere Ave. has expressed interest in becoming a block captain. Since a resident on Iona Ave. has also agreed to become one, this means the western side of GMF is well covered. The eastern side needs work.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FMAC discussed the need to provide rides for people wanting to attend the Green Box events (see 5b) but either cannot or do not want to hike to them.

7. REPORTS

No reports.

7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Monday, April 29, 2024, 6 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.