

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, January 29, 2024**

Committee Members Present

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

Trustee Members Present

Todd Dixon, mayor

Town Staff Present

Bo Ayad, town clerk

Recording Secretary

Carolyn Bowers (on Zoom)

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Hunter moved to adopt the agenda with no changes. Huizenga seconded.
Motion passed on voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Mayor Dixon said proposed legislation (HB24-1006) would provide grants to rural communities for developing wildfire risk response. He supports it and will ask the Board of Trustees for their backing at their Feb. 8 meeting.

b. Carolyn Bowers suggested the committee serve pizza in addition to pie at the Feb. 21 meeting with Team Rubicon since it falls during dinner hour.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Huizenga moved to adopt the Dec. 18, 2023 minutes. Hunter seconded. Motion carried on voice vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Education update Douglas reported he talked to Green Box contact Jesse Stroope about plans for involving FMAC this summer. They will focus on showing people what responsible fire mitigation looks like. Planned are a hike through the Wallace Reserve on July 4 or July 6. Also planned is a tour of the outside of Douglas' home on Hondo to show remediation on private property. FMAC will not take part in the Green Box Mayor's Forum.

- b. The committee discussed providing pizza, water and coffee, in addition to pie, at the Feb. 21 Team Rubicon meeting. Worthey will order pizzas from the Blue Moose. Payment will come from donations FMAC has received. Douglas moved to adopt this plan, Hunter seconded. It passed by voice vote.
- c. Douglas said there are nine slots (out of 20) open to homeowners who want Team Rubicon to mitigate.
- d. To get the word out about the Feb. 21 meeting, the committee will send press releases to the Mountain Jackpot and Colorado Springs Gazette, inform its database members about it by email, post flyers at the Post Office and elsewhere. Mayor Dixon will include it in his monthly newsletter. Church in Wildwood's newsletter is another outlet.
- e. February Tip of the Month Yingling said it will give eight safety tips on furnaces. Source: Angi Hunter moved to approve, Huizenga seconded. Passed on voice vote.
- f. Yingling reported no additions to either the database or roster of block captains. He will distribute a job description and QR code for more information at the Feb. 21 meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Huizenga reported she has had talks with Chief Murphy about a First Responder Appreciation event. This will be a community event, likely at the fire station, and will be an opportunity to educate attendees. Date to be announced.
- b. This year's dates for the Chipper Program are June 29-30 and Sept. 28-29.
- c. Douglas reminded members to attend the mandatory All Boards Training Jan. 30.
- d. Douglas said representatives from the Coalition for the Upper South Platte, Mile High Youth Corps, Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation, FMAC and town staff will meet Thursday to map out what's been mitigated in GMF and what remains to be done.
- e. Mayor Dixon reminded the committee to elect its officers.

8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, 6 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.