

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, February 26, 2024**

Committee Members Present

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

Trustees Present

Town Staff Present
Bo Ayad, Town Clerk

Recording Secretary

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Douglas moved to adopt the agenda with no changes. Worthey seconded.
Motion passed on voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Worthey noted the Jan. 29 minutes incorrectly stated that Hunter would speak to Chief Murphy about a proposed first responders appreciation day. Huizenga is the correct person.

Yingling moved to adopt the minutes as revised to reflect the correction. Huizenga seconded. Motion adopted by voice vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Education update

Events on FMAC's calendar:

Participation in a an informational event focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) at the Manitou middle school April 18. The committee will discuss this at its March meeting.

Green Box, early July

Bronc Day, July 27

First responder Appreciation Day Aug. 3

b. Team Rubicon followup

1. Chainsaw training David LaRivee, Team Rubicon, says the team can conduct chainsaw training for 12 persons in Green Mountain Falls. Trainees would have become Team Rubicon volunteers so they are covered by insurance. Don Walker is recruiting volunteers. Douglas will check on Walker's progress and keep LaRivee in the loop. It was noted that some firefighters take the training to refresh their chainsaw skills.
2. The committee will consider scheduling the chainsaw training close to Chipper Days.
3. Huizenga moved and Yingling seconded that the committee give priority to people on a list of individuals who signed up when the program was first announced by the Red Cross and have signed permissions. They include Fergie who lives on Olathe but was not on the list. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Huizenga will give contact information for Fergie, Margie Murphy and Janice Krall whose info is missing. David is checking to see if the Heiss's, also not on the list of people who originally signed up, have sent their permissions.
5. These names will be added to FMAC's database. They have given consent.
6. As for people who have expressed interest in receiving help from Rubicon but were not on the original Red Cross list, they will remain on a list for possible help in the future.

c. March Tip of the Month

Yingling said it will discuss the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ), plus include a link to the Colorado State Forest Service's pamphlet "Adapt to Wildfire." Huizenga moved to adopt the proposed March tip, Douglas seconded. Motion approved.

d. Formation of Volunteer Groups

1. Block Captains Yingling reported Jim French has volunteered. Ed Johnson is the other. Douglas suggested that block captains be encouraged to undergo chain saw and HIZ assessment training.

Volunteer Data Base Yingling reports there are 84 individuals.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chipper Days June 29-30, Sept. 28-29

Huizenga said Chief Murphy wants all slash brought to a single location as opposed to driving the chipper around town. This enables people from surrounding areas (Cascade, Chipita Park) to get their slash chipped. Douglas will talk with Jesse Stroope to see if the Joyland parking lot can be used as the slash collection site. Worthey will be working on a plan for residents needing help in transporting slash to the site. If it's possible for the chipper to "travel" so slash can be picked up from homes, the committee believes September is best because summer people can leave slash outside homes.

b. Election of Officers

Douglas moved and Worthey seconded to elect Douglas chair, Yingling vice-chair and Carolyn Bowers recording secretary for 2024. Bowers remains a non-member.

7. REPORTS

No reports

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Monday, March 25, 2024, 6 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.