**Town of Green Mountain Falls**

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes**

**Monday, June 26, 2023, 6 pm Mountain time**

**Committee Members Present Board of Trustee member**

David Douglas, chair None

Paul Yingling, vice-chair

Kelly Hunter, member

John Bell, member **Town Staff**

Lisa Huizenga, member None

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL** 6:10 pm Mountain time

**2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA** Bell moved to move item 6C to New Business. Hunter seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no one attending on Zoom or in person.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA** Minutes from May 29 meeting were read by Douglas, motion made by Hunter to approve, seconded by Huizenga. Passed unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) grant rights of way (ROWS) remediation project update, David Douglas

 Boundary marking: The town is alright with moving ahead on ROW remediation and has solicited bids. Once CUSP accepts the bid the work will proceed.

 Release Agreement returns: Bell reported 80+ agreements were returned.

 CUSP Identified ROW work plan: The goal for remediation is the end of July.

 b. Lisa Huizenga was unanimously approved by BOT at their last meeting as FMAC’s newest member.

**6. EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Recent Developments – Mitigation Training CO-CO – Bell said the North Florissant Colorado Posse (NoFloCo) declined to do training. COCO may be willing to do a 3-hr. training for 20-25 people. Bell will contact COCO to establish date and time for training.
2. Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Yingling moved for FMAC to adopt Neighbor to

Neighbor fire mitigation activities as a formal part of FMAC portfolio of activities.

There was no second for this motion. Motion failed.

 c. Red Cross program update – Hunter said the Red Cross reported they visited 25 homes for

their pilot program and installed 35 smoke detectors. Cori Tanner of Red Cross said the

verbal feedback she received was very appreciative. There will be a survey emailed soon to

all the recipients.

1. Tip of the Month Yingling said there is an opportunity for deductibility on taxes for fire

mitigation. Bell moved to accept this as the July monthly tip. Hunter seconded. Passed unanimously.

 e. Bronc Day booth logistics – Bell and Hunter Volunteers will set booth up (provided by

Chamber) before parade. The booth will remain open as long as it has volunteers.

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1. Chipper Day sign ups and volunteers – Yingling and Bell The next Chipper Days will be Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17. Opportunities to sign up will be sent by email, Mayor’s newsletter, Facebook, and Bronc Day booth. Eight volunteers total will be needed for the two days.

**7. GMF RESIDENT AND PROPERTY OWNER DATA BASE UPDATE** Information only

**8. GREEN BOX MAYOR’S FORUM TOPICS**

1. Douglas noted that at least two-thirds of the forum attendees were visitors; the rest were residents. He suggested that we would do better not to use scare tactics about fire danger. Rather, we should highlight work that has been achieved over the last year toward making Green Mountain Falls safer. Motion to adopt this topic made by Hunter, seconded by Yingling. Passed unanimously.
2. Green Box Hikes take place July 1 and 2. They will start at the Farm Stand and Bell will lead them. Their purpose is to educate participants on fire mitigation by using both good and bad examples.

**9. FORMATION OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

1. Block Captains: Huizenga and Bell renamed these volunteers Block

Ambassadors and came up with a much simpler description of duties.

1. Volunteer recruitment. Information will be available at the Bronc Day booth.

**10. NEXT MEETING** Monday, July 24 prior to Bronc Day to allow for updates.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** 8:33 pm Mountain time