

Perry Park Metro District Firewise Committee Meeting

9:00am, June 20, 2023
LFPD Larkspur Fire Station

Minutes:

1. Attendees: Larry Sutton, Wayne Moore, Randy Johnson, Dave Hamling, Barb Martin, Lisa VanAntwerp, Steve Rea, Kirk Mulbach, Darren Hill, Keith Worley
2. Slash program monitoring/policing. Report given on policing by FWC. It has resulted in violation corrections, resolution of stacking and pile size issues, and consolidation of some piles by FWC monitors. Feedback from the contractor was positive. Keith to report on in-kind value of volunteer time.
3. Status of Slash disposal bidding process. Final interviews are set for later this morning.
4. Update on Upper Cheyenne Phase 3.
 - a. Bear Creek Canyon trail barricade and signage removed. However, recommended not to send out notice until all work is done in the entire project area.
 - b. Possible completion by next week.
 - c. Lots of inquiries about material being spread on the mountain side. This is the ground up material (mulch) being put back on the site.
 - d. Early morning start times are safety related to lessen the risk of static electricity affecting the “choker setters” (ground workers attaching cables to the helicopter cable). As stormy afternoon weather moves in, static electricity increases in the atmosphere causing the helicopter cable to become highly charged with risk to the ground workers.
5. Firewise Class Schedule for 2023:
 - a. Structural Hardening aka Ember Proofing. July 15th, 9:00-11:00 at Kirk’s residence, 6867 Pike Place. Notices will go out during the week preceding the event.
 - b. Report on Extreme Gardening- Taming the Scrub Oak Monster. 22 attendees plus 4 FWC members. Entry signage was best notice and reminder. In-kind soft match value of the class was \$2,155.78.
6. Douglas County Grants.
 - a. Develop boilerplate for residents. Not completed yet.
 - b. Joint PPMD and owner projects. Randy and Keith to proceed on Winged Foot project.
 - c. Who is to set up and supervise? Project to be laid out and bidder’s meeting set.
 - d. Other potential cost saving options were discussed:
 - i. Utilize slash pickup as way to save on mitigation contractor costs.
 - ii. Reintroduce slash pile burning in PPMD open spaces as done in 2010-2013 under contract with LFPD.
7. Federal Grant status and Prep for submittal when opened. No news on status.
8. District Forester and/or Wildfire Specialist position. The board interviewed a wildfire mitigation specialist. But it was decided no services are needed at this time. Keith will coordinate any insect or disease issues with CSFS. Also obtain hourly rates from CSFS. Discussion on homeowner property assessments. CSFS, LFPD and DC available to assist homeowners.
9. FWC Mission Statement. All agreed the draft was too long. Darren will amend/edit and send to committee for review and email polling/approval for board consideration. Randy suggested formation of a grassroots organization to represent property owners at county and state levels.

2023 Mission Statement, Draft 1

Given the ever present risks to life, property, and the natural resources of Perry Park Ranch to losses from wildfire, the FWC, as an advisory committee to the PPMD BOD, is tasked with wildfire education, planning and mitigation implementation to manage these risks.

Given the PPMD 2004 Service Plan Amendment adoption of wildfire mitigation and emergency preparedness as key functions of PPMD, the FWC shall advise the BOD on all measures necessary to promote wildfire risk management. This includes providing guidance on expenditures, annual and long-term budgeting, applying for grants and prioritization of mitigation expenditures.

The committee shall be comprised of Perry Park residents/landowners, natural resource managers and emergency service providers. A BOD position shall be established as the liaison from the FWC to the BOD. The FWC will be responsible for establishing chairperson and secretary positions from within its membership. Minutes of all proceedings shall be kept and provided to the BOD and considered part of the public record. All meetings shall be open to the public and timely notice of these meetings provided to the public.

10. DCSO sponsored Evacuation Drill, August 26th Group was reminded that planning will probably begin in July.

11. Other Business:

- a. Burying of overhead electrical facilities. Studies done in 2004 came back with estimated cost of \$27,000,000 or \$1,000,000 per mile. An analysis of IREA's position was done by Larry Schlupp and presented at the October 14, 2004, board meeting. The FWC defers this back to the board should it want to re-investigate it further. Suggestion given to educate property owners on managing the fuels below their power lines.

12. Meeting Dates now 3rd Tuesday, 9:00 at LFPD-

- a. Next meeting date: July 18th

13. Adjourned Meeting at 10:32. Thanks to Lisa for chairing the meeting.

In-kind value of the meeting = \$484.96

Contractor Interviews were held at 10:30 and 11:30 and not part of these minutes.

In-kind value of the interviews (interviews = 2 hrs, and recap/discussion = 1 hr., 4 attendees) = \$363.72