

**Perry Park Metro District
Firewise Committee Meeting**

9:00am, September 17, 2024

LFPD Larkspur Fire Station

Minutes:

1. Introductions and additions to agenda. Attendees: Joe Brickweg, Lisa VanAntwerp, Deb Lefor, Randy Johnson, Wayne Moore, Larry Sutton, Keith Worley.
2. Revisit 5-year Mitigation Plan
 - a. Update on "Invitation to Bid" award by BOD. Randy updated the FWC on outcome of the board meeting. Randy and Joe are working with Dove Creek Forestry, the low bidder, on a contract that can be sent to legal counsel. It was emphasized this needs to be done quickly to allow Gambel oak saw treatments before fall leaf drop.
 - b. Project Administration- Next steps. The FWC concurred with Randy's recommendation to lock in the contractor's bid for the remaining PPMD parcels utilizing reserves if needed.
3. PPMD Budget Cycle for 2025. Joe outlined what he needs for inclusion in the 2025 budget to address:
 - a. Capital expenditure to treat the six PPMD parcels and remaining parcels. Randy reminded everyone some of these parcels had some level of treatment in 2010-2012.
 - b. Long-range re-treatment program based on a three-year cycle due to Gambel oak regrowth. PPMD previously budgeted for three zones averaging \$11,000 per year. These zones were:
 - i. Upper Cheyenne undeveloped road network as functional fire breaks.
 - ii. Lower Perry Park PPMD parcels treated in 2010-2012 and undeveloped roads.
 - iii. Shaded fuel breaks on abutting ranches to modify crown fire behavior affecting Perry Park from the north and south.
 - c. Maintenance Plan to combine three categories of treated areas:
 - i. Past retreatment areas.
 - ii. Upper Cheyenne properties and roadways completed in Phases 1-3 of the Upper Cheyenne Project. Identify strategically important areas.
 - iii. New treatment areas identified in the 5-year plan with "a weighted average of triaged properties."
 - iv. The group recognized that the board will have to take into consideration:
 1. Each PPMD property is different and does not allow for simplistic "cost/acre" budgeting.
 2. Cost per acre will be variable based on type of retreatment required. Examples were cost for chainsaw treatments compared to mechanical treatments.
 3. Not all acres for any given tract will be treated due to limited access or inoperable terrain.
 - d. Randy and Keith will work on the updated plan.

- e. Questions were raised on oak fuel treatment maintenance of DC rights-of-way and abutting ranches. Randy and Joe to follow up with DC and ranch owners. It was agreed any future decision by PPMD to continue maintenance of these areas, if not assumed by the ownerships, is based on the protection of Perry Park.
 - f. Concerns were raised about board statements that PPMD failed to treat its parcels over the past ten years. It was implied past boards had not kept up with PPMD property mitigation. The FWC would like to remind the board that over \$1.1 million was expended to address a more immediate wildfire concern of the Tussock Moth killed trees in the Upper Cheyenne area. Past boards, proactively, were able to recognize this as a higher priority for community wildfire hazard risk reduction. Most importantly, CSFS recognized past PPMD board commitments to the Firewise program as the foundation for obtaining grant funding for these projects at substantial cost savings to PPMD.
- 4. FRWRM Grant Cycle open.
 - a. CSFS to write grant application due by Oct. 10TH. Randy and Joe have been working with Spencer Weston on information needed.
 - 5. "Fire Pond" status for Gateway Pond.
 - a. Dry Hydrant cost estimates. Nothing to report ("NTR")
 - 6. Slash Pickup Follow Up.
 - a. Mailer for fall pickup to be sent out. Pickup to begin October 1. Revisit PU Zone map not required at this time.
 - 7. PPMD website development-
 - a. Monitor FWC tab under "Committees".
 - b. FWC Photographer- Lisa VanAntwerp is now the official FWC photographer. She will coordinate with Randy on establishing photo points for before/after treatment photos. This is now a requirement for any grant funded projects.
 - 8. 2024 Projects. Discuss Timelines or noted as NTR
 - a. Evacuation Route Mailer to not be sent this year.
 - b. "Evacuated" door hanger with last minute checklist on back. NTR
 - c. Address markers and/or placards. NTR
 - 9. Other Business or Updates.
 - a. Larkspur Volunteer Fire Auxiliary Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner, October 21st.
 - 10. Meeting Dates 3rd Tuesday, 9:00 at LFPD-
 - a. Next meeting date: October 15, 2024
 - 11. Adjourned Meeting at 10:22am.

Submitted by:
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