



"To provide education, exchange information and foster emergency preparedness, fire prevention and safety in and around the East Orange County foothill and canyon communities."

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Minutes of the July 17th , 2014 General Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The general meeting for the Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons was called to order by Mary Schreiber at 7:02 pm on July 17th, 2014 at 29402 Silverado Canyon Road, Silverado CA 92676.

ROLL CALL

The following FSCEOCC Board of Directors were present: Schreiber, Smisek, Kerrigan, Newell, Click, Ertman

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Joanne Hubble, Mike Shroeder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from June approved.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Mary to get numbers from Auginaga.

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INPUT FROM MEMBERS

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COOPERATIVE PARTNER & AGENCY UPDATE

- OCFA: Defensible Space surveys have started
- Coastal Clean up date is Sept 20th, with dumpsters available

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- Ice Cream on 8-17 and 9-20

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- SR-18 Grant: Meeting with the county soon. We spent 10 minutes on this, and we are having a hard time getting through at the county level to get moving on the project Along with these notes are the notes from Robyn.

NEW BUSINESS- None

Tree Grant Removal - Grant Administrator notes for July 17, 2014 FSCEOCC Meeting

- After the initial review of the Road Encroachment Permit by the county planning department was done, I was advised that an additional permit application needs to be submitted to the OC Planning Commission per Bea Bea Jimenez, Manager, Current & Environment Planning Section, OC Public Works/OC Planning Services. This permit application is called a Discretionary Permit Application and requires a deposit of \$5,000 for time and material, staff to prepare reports, etc and is anticipated that this would be the total cost for it, but no way of a them to estimate the cost. It all depends on how well and accurate the application is submitted. This is the first I had heard of this required application despite repeated questioning of what the entire process for approval at the county level was.
 - The grant does not have this type of money earmarked in the budget.
- I was advised that the maps of the trees location that were submitted with the Road Encroachment Application do not adequately depict the location of the trees with reference to the right-a-way of the road. The county is not able to provide me with any type of road right away maps in order to do a drawing from.
- I have also now been advised that the Arborist letter as part of the initial Road Encroachment Permit Application must state that the trees need to be removed because they are dead. In the phone conversation I had with Mahrooz, Andy and Bea Bea I advised them that this was not the reason for the removal of the trees, and is not stated as such in the grant.
- I have been advised by the planning department to review to the Specific Plan, Tree management Pages 6 and Foothill Trabuco Plan, III - Page 76 Section E1C-Tree Management. I was advised that the county would take the information in these documents in consideration when making a decision about approval of the project.
- I have also now been advised that whatever trees are on county property, it would require a fee of \$65 per tree permit fee to remove.
- I was advised that since Edison has trimmed the trees they are no longer a fire hazard. Of course with the trimming of the trees, it did not remove them from under the power lines. I was rather shocked in the logic of this statement.
- As the grant administrator, I am asking for direction on how to proceed with seeking approval of this project.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Director Kerrigan at 8:15 pm. Director Smisek seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Kerrigan, Secretary Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons