



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



Minutes of the July 18, 2013 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 7:00 pm on July 18, 2013 at 27641 Silverado Canyon Road, Silverado CA 92676.

ROLL CALL

The following FSCEOCC Board of Directors were present: Mary Schreiber, Tom Smisek, Deanna Craig, Pat Antrim, Bob Click, Dick Ertman, Steve Kerrigan

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The following community members were present: Bruce Newell (M), Joanne Hubble (M), Debbie Kelly (T), Marc Grossman (M), Connie Nelson (S), Geoffrey Sarkissian (M), Ron Roberts (OCFA)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 General Meeting and July 15, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting was made by Director Schreiber. Two corrections noted by Director Antrim; June 20th minutes correct FS to FSC to host ice cream and on the July 15th minutes correct rise the flag to raise the flag. Motion to approve with corrections as noted made by Director Antrim, seconded by Director Smisek. Motion passed.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- President Schreiber – Brief update on last COAD-OC meeting. Recommendation made to request logon for PrepareOC. Director Craig to follow through and gain access. Invited Board to next COAD meeting to be held September 19th at the Red Cross.
- Vice President Smisek - none
- Secretary/Treasurer Craig. Presented to record July 2013 Treasurer Report. Motion to accept by Director Smisek, seconded by Director Antrim.

COOPERATIVE PARTNER & AGENCY UPDATES

- OCFA (Chief Ron Roberts): Reported that home assessment inspection were starting any day. Thanked FSC for their support and for providing the Got Clearance campaign cards.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- FIRE WISE COMMUNITY: Director Antrim reported that Faith Berry (NFPA Firewise Communities Advisor) came out and toured the canyon communities and noticed a remarkable difference in overall property fuel reduction and she thanked the FSC for their efforts.
- STREET SIGNAGE: Director Craig provided report on street signage survey. Trabuco Canyon results forthcoming.
- RED FLAG WARNING PROGRAM: Final steps to complete red flag placement locations is being handled by Director Smisek.
- COMMUNITY EVACUATION PLAN: Director Antrim reported that he is working with ICL Emergency Preparedness Chairperson Joanne Hubble to create an evacuation plan by utilizing information from the OCFA Fire Plan and other existing reference documents to develop a resident friendly evacuation plan to be posted on website, emailed to all residents and to have available as a handout at community events.
- CHIPPER DAY: Director Schreiber made a motion to plan a chipper day to run concurrent with the September 21st Coastal Clean up Day. Motion seconded by Director Click.

- SILVERADO COUNTRY FAIR: Director Craig informed group that she would be unable to commit to helping with the fair this year as she will be out of town. The fair is scheduled for October 12 & 13, 2013 which is also the same weekend as the OCFA Headquarters Open House. Due to limited volunteers and the importance to serve our community it was decided that our focus should be strictly on the fair this year and to not try to participate in both events. Our involvement in the fair will be to sell emergency supplies, share fire prevention information and to have a handout ready regarding the SR18 grant project.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- CWPP: Director Antrim reported that he recently received a CWPP template from Faith Berry and is interested in possibly attending the 2013 Backyards and Beyond Wildfire Education Conference in Salt Lake City in November.
- SR-18 Grant: On behalf of Grant Administrator Robyn Chapman, Director Craig reported that Robyn had just attended the Grant Workshop and was unable to attend tonight's meeting. It was further noted that Robyn would like to have a Grant Committee meeting to provide further update. Modjeska resident Joanne Hubble inquired further about the grant asking specifics about why the FSCEOCC had elected to pursue a grant project for removal of the eucalyptus trees along Santiago Canyon Road. Director Kerrigan expressed that these non-native eucalyptus trees were planted years ago to block the view of a sand-and-gravel quarry and are directly under a 220-kilovolt transmission line. This grant will improve fire safety; help to secure a stronger power grid for Southern California; and will improve the view for travelers along Santiago Canyon Road. Ms. Hubble said she has a personal recollection of many residents being in opposition of this project..

NEW BUSINESS

- Station 16 Capt. Bruce Newell shared that he is planning the annual Fire & Ice presentation. A date has not yet been set.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Director Kerrigan at 8:30pm. Director Schreiber seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted by Deanna Craig, Secretary/Treasurer
Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons*