



P.O. Box 6748, Folsom, CA 95763

MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2018

Folsom Community Center, Activities Room
52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

1. CALL TO ORDER

The FFSC meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Ron Phillips (Chair), Linda Conroy (Vice Chair), Deborah Grassl (Secretary), Karen Ciraulo (Treasurer), Michael Marshall (Parkway), Richard Nevarez (Parkway), Jamison Larson (City); Denali Beard (CDPR), Tom Stuart (At-Large), Leighton Johe (At-Large); Kurt Keller (SMUD), Eric Brown (SMUD), Lauren Ono (FFD), Tim O'Shea (City)

Guest: Baldao Singh

Members Absent: Lorraine Poggione (City), Elizabeth Dyer (USBOR), Jeff Mussell (PG&E), Stuart Scherr (Parkway), Chief Rodriguez (FFD), Aimee Nunez (City), Richard Rodriguez (PG&E)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 23, 2018 MEETING

The Council reviewed the draft Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2018, as prepared. **A correction was made in the Pancake Breakfast date to October 13, 2018.** No further changes to the draft Minutes were identified. A motion was brought and seconded to adopt the Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Result: Approved (unanimously)

Motion By: Richard Nevarez

Seconded By: Tom Stuart

3. TREASURE'S REPORT

Treasurer Karen Ciraulo reported the following changes to the existing checking and savings accounts for the Council: total funds available are \$ 8,894.47; \$ 6,793.30 is available in the checking account; and, \$2,101.17 is available in the savings account. There were no

expenditures this month.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. American River Canyon East VMP – Next Steps

SMUD has done quite a bit of opening up the trail, and substantial work was accomplished. Can see the substation all the way down line. Looks like a completely new world. The hawks have fledged and the crews will start clearing closer to the former nesting site as soon as it is verified. The area still has on-going maintenance needs with blackberry bushes, root mass is very thick. No negative comments with the residents from on-site representatives. SMUD is taking before-and-after photos for verification of benefits. Because of vegetation over-growth previous line of sight was single-file on the trail; now three walkers abreast can easily use the trail. Perhaps the before-and-after photos can be used with other fire safe councils, too.

A shout out to Denali for the willingness to collaborate. Denali returned the compliment. She sees multiple benefits from SMUD's work and will continue to build on it, e.g. the tree of heaven, continue to work with the City of Folsom and FFSC about the home clearings and right-of-entry permits. Bird situation will have to be reevaluated each year. On the plus side, because SMUD started us off a framework has been established to plan before the bird nesting season and plan for the elderberry shrub work, too, in the coming years.

State Parks is working on the right-of-entry permit(s) so hold on until the Fall when the crews will be available to do the work. Perhaps this Summer would be a good time to hold a meeting with the City neighbors to acquaint them with the Parks' process to apply for a permit to clear their backyards. Often City projects are just a one-shot meeting without the opportunity for additional checks and meetings on the project during later Phases. The neighbors need time to absorb the information and also the 5-year Plan which includes maintenance.

Spoke to Chief Rodriguez about next steps taking over the lead on the ARCE VMP granting process and the next Phases of the work to be accomplished. Ron will contact Chief Rodriguez and work out the time line.

Ron hasn't heard anything from Elizabeth Dyer, BOR or the Prison hasn't given any feedback about any concerns yet.

The Fire Department will submit a Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant in September for \$500,000 and will hear back by the end of this year. The City is scrambling to meet weed abatement obligations with different mitigation measures. The goats got very good feedback except for one comment having to do with destroying native habitat. So, coming up with mitigation measures for the goats.

B. Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Next Pancake Breakfast is October 13, 2018. Linda and Karen got together today to discuss what is needed and costs. All of the costs in the Budget seem to be accurate. May not need to rent tables and chairs. The projected budget looks pretty accurate. Big plea for silent auction items.

C. FY2018-19 Budget Approval

The annual D&O insurance is roughly the same; upped the equipment rental for Pancake breakfast because it gets bigger, might need to buy supplies; most Budget items the same from last year's Budget.

Result: Approved (unanimously)

Motion by: Richard Nevarez

Seconded by: Linda Conroy

D. Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update / Sub-Committee Formation

Leighton has reviewed the basic requirements. No new or major regulatory requirements for CWPPs have been identified yet that must be incorporated. He will work on updating the information and consulting with people. Looking for knowledgeable people for the Committee: Lauren has not heard from Chief Rodriguez regarding who the FFD participant will be on the Committee.

E. Community Service Day Project

Richard was contacted by Michelle Den Dulk, of the City of Folsom. She wanted to find out what the Parkway HOA was going to do with the funding requested for the Community Service project. Richard's proposal asked for \$2,000 from the City of Folsom to cover some of project expenses. There was a fire recently on Green Valley Road near the Parkway – so, Richard's focus is to get this project proposal funded and off the ground. Ron will send all of the members the Parkway proposal.

F. Cal Fire Prevention Grant Application Update

FFSC decided not to apply for this round of grant funding. Shooting for next time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. ROUNDTABLE

A. City of Folsom –

Trying to find people to do weed abatement. Down to about 15 acres of L&L Districts. Working with the Conservation Corps on some projects.

B. California State Parks -

Denali is ¾ time with State Parks. Interviews will be held this summer to hire an additional full time Environmental Scientist which should help with work load issues. (Update: Additional natural resource staff will be added and hired during the new FY as part of the Department's reorganization). The Mississippi Bar 8-acre fuel reduction project will take place this fall. Contract is in final stages of approval (Update: Contract has been approved since the last meeting). Work will take place in Orangevale at the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Main Avenue. SMUD indicated they have lines in the area and requested details of project. Denali will forward on scope of work (Update: Scope forwarded. No concerns on part of SMUD. Lines are located outside of project boundaries).

C. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – no report

D. SMUD –

Kurt said Sue Winar Kendall will be assigned to our FFSC as our on-line grant contact. Eric and Kurt reported SMUD funds the El Dorado FSC every year \$5,000. The focus of that grant is on helping to reduce ground fuel and getting rid of downed trees for veterans and seniors. Folsom could apply for the same grant.

Planning in July or August to fly the power line facilities in Folsom and will have some new lidar imaging data. As that information is compiled Eric could help to interpret and show how some of the data could be of benefit to FFSC.

Kurt and Eric said important collaborations with people and organizations are being built through the FFSC platform. They felt FFSC's collaborative meetings were bringing issues and solutions together in a short amount of time compared to working independently. Kudos to FFSC!

E. PG&E – no report

F. Folsom Bluffs HOA

Weed eating has been accomplished and will be working with State Parks to do tree-trimming and brush removal later in the year.

G. Lake Natoma Shores HOA –

Still no action on the part of the Cemetery to address the vegetation behind the 21 homes on Young Wo Cemetery. The FFD entered into a vegetation management agreement with the

Lakeside Memorial Cemetery in 2015. Lauren didn't remember the agreement between the FFD and the Cemetery concerning annual maintenance. The original agreement entailed a small piece of Figueroa Street (that formerly didn't belong to the Cemetery, but was surrounded by Cemetery property), be quitclaimed over to the Cemetery if the Cemetery would agree to clear cutting and an annual 30' maintenance of the length of the Figueroa Street property behind all 21 homes. No contact has been made with Mr. Claney yet. Lauren said she would try to find the agreement and would get back to Deborah.

H. Parkway HOA – no reported

Weed abatement is done. Checking on some other details.

7. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, July 18th, 1 P.M.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Phillips at 2:00 PM.

Signed Original on File with Secretary

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Grassl, FFSC Secretary