



P.O. Box 6748, Folsom, CA 95763

## MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2018

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The FFSC meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Ron Phillips (Chair), Linda Conroy (Vice Chair), Deborah Grassl (Secretary), Karen Ciraulo (Treasurer), Tom Stuart (At-Large), Leighton Johe (At-Large); Chief Rodriguez (FFD), Lauren Ono (FFD), Kurt Keller (SMUD), Eric Brown (SMUD), Richard Rodriguez (PG&E), Michael Marshall (Parkway), Richard Nevarez (Parkway), Aimee Nunez (City), Jamison Larson (City)

**Guest:** Beth Kelly (Scenic Oaks, Folsom); Baldeo Singh, Director of Work Training, Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps

**Members Absent:** Lorraine Poggione (City), Elizabeth Dyer (USBOR), Jeff Mussell (PG&E), Tim O'Shea (City), Denali Beard (CDPR), Stuart Scherr (Parkway)

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 18, 2018 MEETING

The Council reviewed the draft Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2018, as prepared. No further changes to the draft Minutes were identified. A motion was brought and seconded to adopt the Meeting Minutes as submitted.

**Result:** Approved (Unanimous)

**Motion By:** Leighton Johe

**Seconded By:** Linda Conroy

**Ayes:** Phillips, Conroy, Grassl, Ciraulo, Stuart, Johe, Rodriguez, Ono, Keller, Brown Rodriguez, Marshall, Nevarez, Nunez, Larson

**Nays:**

**Absent:** Dyer, Beard, Poggione, Mussell, O'Shea, Scherr

### 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 additional small expenditures this month plus a \$5 Amazon credit. Still working on the draft 2018/2019 budget. FFSC Budget ETA is in a few weeks for review prior to next meeting.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### **A. May 5th Community Wildfire Preparedness Day – Parkway Event**

Very well attended and thanks to everyone. We were short on publicity and getting the word out, but long on communication. Older volunteers showed up but there was a lack of young, healthy volunteers. Those helping with the fuel reduction project found it challenging. Next Event should recruit for a two hour shift/limit per volunteer for raking leaves and doing some of the more active work. The of the home inspections went very well; trees are everywhere and it was especially noted that many trees were overhanging roofs, etc. The Parkway is making an effort to track and down dead trees. Thanks especially to SMUD who limbed up a lot of the trees before the Event. PG&E will be able to do more next Event if a request comes in at least 60 days ahead of the Event. During the Day a couple of other neighborhood representatives checked out the activities in preparation for their neighborhoods' participation next year. The Parkway representatives were very pleased overall with the Day.

##### **B. FFSC Mailing Address**

The official mailing address is: Folsom Fire Safe Council, P.O. Box 6748, Folsom, CA 95763.

##### **C. American River Canyon East VMP – Phase III**

Phases were emailed out previously. This Project Next Steps has a time line attached. SMUD mapped out and tagged a bird and elderberry survey. Found a Red Tailed Hawk nest so stopped work in that area until this Project starts and then will finish. Working on the first section by the wood bridges and trying to put as little impact as possible on recreational users of the trail. There will be a nice wide-open swath under the power lines. SMUD's easement seems to be entirely on State Parks property, at least until addressing the Red Hawk's tree. The survey SMUD did goes all of the way down the canals to the prison property. SMUD will be out there all next week. Neighbors, also, seem to be favorable to the work being done and the ARCE VMP does address all of the bird nesting environmental aspects that need to be worked with. All landowners have been properly notified. The environmental impact review fee will be waived by the State Parks. It still needs to be decided which work forces will do the phased work.

##### **D. Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser\***

Next Pancake Breakfast will be October 8, 2018. Rescheduling the Fundraiser report until the June Meeting.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### **A. FY2018-19 Preliminary Budget**

The fiscal year starts July 1, 2018. Equipment rental may need to be added to the annual Budget and printing for letterhead and CWPP production. The preliminary Budget does not include any revenues from the Pancake Breakfast yet.

SMUD has a grant that FFSC could apply for to offset the Pancake Breakfast expenses. Kurt will reach out again to see what he can find.

Deborah will find WalMart grant info and give to Karen and Linda for applying for local funding.

**B. Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update / Sub-Committee Formation**

Leighton will head up the Committee to rewrite the CWPP. He is looking for any technical information reviews; FSC technical recommendations would be helpful. This CWPP must be approved by the City Council and CalFire Chief and the Unit. Chief Rodriguez will work with Leighton on the CWPP. The biggest change in the scope of the CWPP will be the South of Hwy 50 area that has had no risk assessment done. The new CWPP should be approved by the end of 2018. Having the City's fuel ladder reduction plan would be advantageous to have in the Plan. The CWPP will be utilized to pull statistics and information for grant applications and is on the FFSC's website.

**C. Community Service Day Project\***

By September 15<sup>th</sup> the Humbug Willow Creek Park Project, second phase, should be finished. There seems to be enough volunteers. The Parkway volunteered to be the lead for this Service Day Project, with both Jeff Michaels and Richard Nevarez officiating. Chief Rodriguez and Loren Ono went over the logistics of providing the lead for the day. Ron Phillips will provide the application forms for the Service Day Project. The City will provide the rakes, some leaf and water hyacinth removal. Water will be needed throughout the day.

**D. Cal Fire's Fire Prevention Grant Program\***

This state grant Program is available for non-profit organizations or the City of Folsom, for fire planning, risk assessment, or educational materials. Ron is in favor of going forward with as many applications as possible. Hiring a crew for Phase III of the ARCE VMP could be shovel-ready, and maintenance for 3 years, if we could get a grant for this; anything associated with the CWPP; public education; City's fuel reduction project. The Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC) would be one of the jobs that could provide work crews and logistic for the ARCE VMPs; the SRCC has done fire reduction work at the Ancil Hoffman golf course with state grants funds before. SRCC would be willing to work and partner on a grant to supply work crews on the CalFire application. The cost estimate for this kind of annual phasing would be the most complicated and important part of the grant.

A Motion was brought: The Chairperson be authorized to apply for the California Department of Forestry Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a fuel reduction project. The Motion was seconded, but before the vote, the Motion was amended to read: the ARCE grant application will be in two parts; partner the first part of the application for a fuel reduction grant with the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps for work that includes Phase III and includes three years of shaded fuel break, no maximum cap limit; and, the second part of the application shall include up to \$10,000 for wildfire educational materials.

**Result:** Approved

**Motion and Amendment By:** Ron Phillips

**Seconded By:** Tom Stuart

**Ayes:** Phillips, Conroy, Grassl, Ciraulo, Stuart, Johe, Rodriguez, Ono, Keller, Brown  
Rodriguez, Marshall, Nevarez, Nunez

**Nays:**

**Abstention:** Jamison Larson

**Absent:** Dyer, Beard, Poggione, Mussell, O'Shea, Scherr

FSCC will move forward to apply for a fire prevention education grant. A follow-up meeting is needed with FSCC, SRCC and State Parks because State Parks will need to be a part of the scoping out of the Phase III work. In addition a chipper(s) would need to be provided or purchased for SRCC's work on Phase III. Kurt said SMUD might be able to provide or loan a chipper.

## 6. ROUNDTABLE

**A. City of Folsom –**

The City started using goats for weed abatement and the goats are doing fuel ladder work at American River Canyon North at the rate of 2 acres a day. Been using crews and will no longer be able to utilize prison personnel. Working on finding new crews. Jamison is meeting with contractors tomorrow to take remedial action and do walk-arounds. Attacking the high-risk areas first.

**B. California State Parks – no report**

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

**D. SMUD –**

Fuel reduction at Nimbus is in full swing.

**E. PG&E –**

Richard Rodriguez from PG&E introduced himself. PG&E grants are available and he can help to show FCSS what to apply for.

**F. Folsom Bluffs HOA – no report**

**G. Lake Natoma Shores HOA –**

The FFD vegetation management agreement with the Lakeside Memorial Cemetery was discussed without the Chief and Lauren because they had to leave the meeting early. Still no action on the part of the Cemetery to address the vegetation, however, it is likely that the Weed Abatement Notice was sent out and that the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> must be passed before any further inquiry or action can be taken.

**H. Parkway HOA – no reported**

**I. *Scenic Oaks\****

Beth Kelly reports on a fire that was put out by the FFD on 9 acres of private property. Beth wants a clarification of what the FFD is asking from the owner, because no action is taking place. FFD Weed Abatement Notices went out and Lauren could update Beth on what, if anything, is happening. Ron asked Beth to send him her email address so that effective communication can be set up. He will find out what kinds of communications have been sent from FFD.

**7. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 P.M.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Phillips at 4:44 PM.

\*NOTE: *Italics* represent agenda items added after the Draft Meeting Agenda was distributed.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Grassl, FFSC Secretary