

**Prescott Area
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission
Minutes
November 1, 2018**

Participants: Meghan Taylor-Gebler, Christie Hamman, Michael Orr, Belinda Taylor, Victoria Wendt, Bob Betts, Dennis Shaw, Loren Bykerk, Tom DiCamillo, Al West, Patrick Rappold, Jasper Lanning, Andie Smith, Rick Chase, Jim Zimmerman, Charles "Spunky" Creger, Richard Hall, Ben Roe, Darrell Anderson, Russ Lafayette, Craig L. Brown, Bill Wolff, Gene Lee, Tiffany Chiaravalloti, Ron Sauntman, Dennis B. Light, Sarah Tomsy, Lyle Burns, Chris Lowman, Rich VanDemark, Chuck Silveira, Mary Ann Clark, John Mangimeli, Leigh Cosby, Bill Swahlen, Chris Derosiers, Lois Hoskinson, Jake Guadiana, James Robbins, Peter Glenn, Todd Miranda, Bret Lucas, Barbara Lucas, Jim Buchanan, George Sheets, Earl Carpenter, Thomas Yssel, Larry Gray, Bill Brye, Steve Cantor, Don Devendorf, Henry Cavallari, Steve Lombardo, Bill Fields, Marty Zytowski, Richard Poulton, Dawn Salcito, Ted Everett, Marsha Collier, Rick Martin, Miles Graybill, Gary Baldrige

Recorder: Seleatha Mendibles

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order and introductions of new members were made.

2. Chairman's Remarks- Michael Orr

- As many of you are aware, we presented the Project Andrew video at last month's meeting but had technical difficulties. Thanks to the expertise of Gene Lee, we have corrected the situation and have also shortened the movie. It is available on multiple websites and has had over 700 hits so far. The project emphasizes the importance of documenting the great work all the agencies and PAWUIC perform. Chief Light has arranged for a showing of the video at the upcoming City Council meeting on November 13. Tom and Jenn Ashcraft will also be in attendance. The movie was shared at this meeting.
- A photo was shared that confirms the present water level at Watson Lake. Even though we had a good monsoon season and a surprising amount of rain in October, the long-term outlook remains of concern. A recent article in the Arizona Republic discusses the possibility of having to ration water in the year 2020 unless we are blessed with an ongoing higher rate of rain and snow levels over the next year.
- There was an interesting article about the Santa Rosa clean-up. The Army Corps of Engineers was given \$1.3 billion and paid contractors and subcontractors by the pound to haul materials to a dump site. Homeowners expressed concern that there was fraudulent activities involved with this endeavor and complained of excessive amounts of soil and other materials being removed to increase the poundage amount.
- This month's meeting will be a little briefer. Since we shared the movie we are not having a formal speaker. Once we adjourn, we will move into an ongoing review of there the firewise communities stand in reference to the 11/16 deadline.
- During the meeting next month, I would like to present a review of the projects that various agencies have performed during 2018. I would greatly appreciate it if you could forward us some slides, maps, and before and after photos from the projects. Please include the project name/list and the amount of acreage that was performed on each site.

- I would like to thank Sue Tone from the Daily Courier for the excellent article about Project Andrew. Editor Tim Wiederaenders is very much behind the firewise concepts and volunteered to be a speaker at a meeting early next year.
- On 10/13, Bob Betts and I attended two fire station open houses in Sedona. We met some great people and there is a great deal of enthusiasm about the firewise community concept. Todd Miranda with Sedona Fire is in attendance today.
- I would like to express my huge appreciation to Leigh Cosby for all her hard work on the State Farm Grant. The grant request was submitted yesterday. Leigh, Lois and I cleaned out the PAWUIC trailer.
- The Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network is a very informative site.
<https://fireadaptednetwork.org/>

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

4. Financial Report- Treasurer's Report

September 31, 2018 Beginning Bank Balance	\$	26,000.13
Total Deposits	\$	58,684.90
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	84,685.03
Debits/Expenses	\$	6,066.68
Ending Bank Balance	\$	78,618.35
Pending Expense Balance	\$	15,053.41
May 31, 2018 Checkbook Balance	\$	78,618.35
Title III Monies 2016	\$	-
AZ Community Foundation Grant	\$	-
Actual Operational Monies	\$	63,594.94

5. Agency and Community Activity Reports/Issues

AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management- PAWUIC is now ranked third in the nation for firewise communities. Crews are busy doing project work.

AZ DOC Mitigation Crew- The West Crown Project is 50 acres. Working in Walker on over 60 properties. Also working along Hassayampa Lake. Projects are with NRCS and Joint Chief's.

AZ State Land Department- Prescribed burn in Big Chino Wash. This is a 5000-6000 acre project. Two biomass projects are upcoming.

Central AZ Fire and Medical Authority- Completed 6 assessments and 2 firewise talks. The Chipper grant is ongoing. A new ladder company was christened recently with a lot of community involvement.

City of Prescott FD- Thinning work is continuing at Granite Creek. Crews will be working in Mount Tritle for most of the winter. Chipping is ongoing.

Jerome Fire- 144 resident hours have been logged, with 12 loads taken to the burn pile. 43 adult probation hours have been logged, taking 55 loads to the burn pile. Three burn permits have been issued. A new strategy is being adopted which will include planting of fire adaptive plants.

Office of Emergency Management- Filled vacant position in Finance. Community is reaching out requesting firewise information. YQUIP revision has been finalized. Joint Chief's meeting is coming up.

Prescott National Forest- Timber, Bradshaw Cross Boundary Project proposal is currently being considered for Joint Chief's funding. This would be funding for three years for projects in the Bradshaw Ranger District and surrounding private property. A number of letters were received

in support of this project. Letters of support are extremely critical as final decisions are made in the regional rankings. Sincerest thanks for everyone who wrote letters. Aspen Creek Phase II is a 152 acre hand thinning project on Copper Basin and started on 10/9. Arrow Fire is the contractor doing this work and is about 30% complete. Once the project is finished, be on the lookout for opportunities to collect firewood.

Fire, Seasonal workforce will be laid off next week. Pile burning is ongoing across the forest, with 300 acres completed. As it dries out, fuels will shift to broadcast burning. Weather permitting, there are 13 potential burns scheduled. Please visit our website for the latest information.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/>

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors- It's extremely important for community to sign up for Code Red. It is the emergency notification for the County.

<http://www.ycsoaz.gov/community/Emergency-Preparedness/Emergency-Notification-System>

PAWUIC will also add a link to Code Red to their webpage. Title III grants will be awarded in January.

University of AZ Cooperative Extension- Working with Jerome to eradicate the Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*). Local Blue Spruce is browning out from the bottom up. It is not a disease, just the carryover from last winter's dry conditions. It is a conditions that is difficult to reverse. The office is always available to answer plant related questions.

Sedona Fire- Many thanks to Dr. Orr for coming to Sedona last month. Most of Sedona is in Yavapai County and there is a great need to adopt firewise practices in the area. A new Type 3 engine was recently purchased. Hoping to add a wildland position soon. With the recent wildfires, Sedona saw a great deal of smoke impact. Worked with Coconino NF on messaging to the community. Will also add link to Code Red to the website.

6. Old Business-

It is important to log volunteer hours for grant reporting purposes.

Grant Updates

WFHF 16-204, expires on 12/31/18.

WFHF 17-201, expires 11/31/19.

WFHF-17-101, expires 1/31/20.

WFHF 2018, because of a change in acres requested, it was necessary to rework the project scope and budget. It has been submitted for approval.

7. New Business-

50/50 Raffle- Steve Lombardo won and donated the money back to PAWUIC.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Christmas parade on 12/1/18. Agencies, please confirm with Lois if you will be participating under the PAWUIC name. The theme is "A Hometown Christmas."

A list of recently renewed firewise communities was shared. Jim Zimmerman will lead the discussion on how to get everyone renewed by the 11/16/18 deadline.

Adjourned: 8:39 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th at 8:00 a.m.