

**Prescott Area
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission
Minutes
October 4th, 2018**

Participants: Meghan Taylor-Gebler, Douglas Taylor-Gebler, Michael Orr, Lois Hoskinson, Jerry Shultz, Victoria Wendt, Everett Cox, Richard Edgecomb, Chuck Fullington, Dennis Shaw, Rick Moshier, Allegro Kerney, Joe Pendergast, Leigh Cosby, Shirley Howell, Bob Betts, Belinda Taylor, Mary Trembly, Barb Ross, Andie Smith, Russ LaFayette, Gary Wellborn, Ben Roe, Tiffany Chiaravalloti, Bill Wolff, Al West, William Hartley, Chris Lowman, Tyler Goodman, Earl Carpenter, Kevin Osterman, Jasper Lanning, Cory Carlson, Alanna English, Bill Brye, Steve Lombardo, Judy Egan, Jim Buchanan, Dennis Light, Greg Mengarelli, Howard Kesselman, Nicole Gean, Loren Bykerk, Bill Swahlen, Mile Graybill, Marsha Collier, Richard Poulton, James Robbins, Rich Van Demark, Jenn Ashcraft, Tom Ashcraft, Jeff Whitney, Sue Tone, Billie Orr, Hugh Vallely, Ron Sauntman, Dawn Salcito, Ron Norfleet, Jeff Schalaus, Peter Glenn, Mark Brehl, Anne Mottek, Leslie Orr, George Sheats, Chuck Silveira, John Foucrier, Rich Hall, Thomas Yssel, Scott Fulgham, James Young, John Mangimeli, Larry Gray, Mary Ann Clark, Marty Zytowski, Gary Baldrige, Cindi Miner, Chris Dasrosiers, Kati Lighthall, Jerry Borgelt, Russ Shumate, Jake Guadiana, Mike Laing

Recorder: Lois Hoskinson

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order.

2. Michael Orr – Introduced Andrew Owen – Project Andrew Documentary Video

The project started when Jenn Ashcraft called Arizona Department of Forestry & Fire Management, Prescott National Forest, NRCS, and others regarding wildfire concerns within the urban interface and her community. Partners came together and a forest stewardship plan was developed to address the issues. As the project unfolded, we all took a step back and said this is what PAWUIC, the Department of Forestry, the Forest Service, and NRCS have worked for in terms of coordination, collaboration, and addressing our resource concerns for decades. It was decided to archive the project to celebrate what was being done and to show the coordination among agencies and landowners. The video was created in the hope of inspiring others throughout Arizona, Yavapai County, and across the west to take action. It is incredibly daunting alone, but if the community works together and uses the resources around them, they can create forest resiliency and a safer place from which our firefighters can respond. We did that. This video encapsulates that idea. The video will be featured on the PAWUIC, USDA/Forest Service, DFFM, and NRCS and Firewise Communities web pages.

Jeff Whitney – State Forester – Acknowledged Project Andrew producer John Schaeffer who did a phenomenal job in a short amount of time, with limited resources. Celebrating all the work that so many were involved in to get the project done. While in Prescott, he enjoyed the opportunity to work with County Emergency Managers on the Countywide Communities Wildfire Protection Plan, the Arizona Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Board, and PAWUIC. Introduced Katie Lighthall, who represents the Western Region Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy - it is all about Fire Adapted Communities, safe and effective response to fire, and landscape resilience. The Cohesive Strategy was developed by a cooperative effort that took about 4 years, starting back in 2008. The cooperative effort included Federal, State, County,

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Tribal, League of Cities and Towns, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the National Association of Counties. The National Cohesive Strategy is the underpinning for so much of the work being done today in the cross boundary landscape scale work. Commended the work that PAWUIC has been doing as a group since 1990. Expressed deep appreciation to all the Community Leaders that are part of PAWUIC, and for all the things they are doing in the Firewise communities. He also thanked them for their power and strength and their long term commitment. Thanked Dr. Orr, Bob Betts, staff, and all the volunteers who take a tremendous work load off his agency by coordinating everything for all the communities in the Prescott Basin and how PAWUIC has grown to be Yavapai Firewise with the addition of Jerome and other outlying communities in Yavapai County.

3. **Mike Orr asked for the Approval of Minutes**

Bob Betts motion to approve the minutes
Marty Zytkowski seconded the motion
All Approved

4. **Deferred- Treasurer's Report until November**

5. **Presentation: Arizona Fire Adapted Communities (AZFAC)**

- **Katie Lighthall** – National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy's - Western Region - Katie works with 17 Western States in the Cohesive Strategy Program. Her job is to communicate with the places that are trying to do what PAWUIC already does. Congratulations for thinking of your area in terms of the overall landscape and to actually put the work on the ground. By 2014 the Final Cohesive Document was finalized. Everyone in this room collaborating and working together is what the Cohesive Strategy is all about. PAWUIC is one of the top examples that I share with groups all over the west. Enjoyed working with various agency representatives at the CWPP meeting.
- **Rich Van Demark** – The Fire Adapted Community is putting together a learning network. Even though you are already a firewise community, this network helps other people learn from what you have already done and you learn from them. Help them help us to build a statewide network. Encouraged everyone to sign up for the network.
- **Mark Brehl** – Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (AZFAC) Co-Chair – Commended PAWUIC for the work they have been doing since 1990, and that they have been the leader and are way ahead in comparison to other communities. Fire adaptive communities is really a way of being/living before, during, and after fire. Fire will always be on our landscape – and we need Fire. AZFAC.org - encouraged everyone to use the website. AZFAC helps to share information, connect people, share inspirations and successes, and lessons learned. This is not a single community issue, the wildland fire management issue is a national issue and we need to work on it together. Let the network do the work.
- **Anne Mottek** – Chairperson AZFAC.org- Anne briefly reviewed information on the AZFAC website. Arizona Fire Adapted Communities is about localism & taking issues in your own hands and addressing them– Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership (GFFP) Part of National Network, and has a relationship with NAU.
Connect –Align- Produce, Increasing capacity-access to resources, statistics nationwide (Will add state figures) Steering committee, resources, get involved, Apply to FAC- describe what was done in yours community, Reciprocal Relationship.

6. Agency and Community Activity Reports/Issues**AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management-**

- **Jake Guadiana** – Dewey & 128 Acres Accomplished
Thanked Chris Loman-Chino & Broadcast Burns
#4 in nation for Fire Adapted Communities with 38 Communities
- **James Robbins** – Crown King – heading up next week
80 Parcels – Walker
Working with communities. Treat as a landscape single properties will entice other owners
Question regarding prescribed burns – wanted to go watch it.
- **Rich Van Demark** – Camp Marapai, Willow Springs, New Attendees

BLM – Shaw Jackson

Fuel Break – Skull Valley 300 Acres
Mayer Fuel Break – Copper Road
Embry Riddle Fuel Break

Central AZ Fire and Medical Authority – Andie Smith

Completed 2 Assessments
Get the word out now to mitigate while it is damp and cool
Still have Chipper Grant available 90/10 Group Grant
Giving talks around community

City of Prescott FD –

- **Chief Light**
Encouraged everyone to visit the Granite Mountain Hotshot Tribute at the Gateway Mall
Need 5-6 City of Prescott Citizens for Community Risk Assessment Standards 928-777-1700
(Oct. 24th)
- **Miles Graybill** -Fuels crew
Miles was born and raised in Prescott, and wanted to thank all for the work that has been done in the Prescott area to keep the city safe.
37 Acres/60% Reduction Mt. Tribal area
Several other projects to start in 2019

Office of Emergency Management- Ron Sauntman –

Updating YCWPP
Board of Supervisors – Multi Risk Plans
Assisting with Joint Chiefs Grant
Filling Marcie Slays position
Minor Flooding in Sedona & Goodwin Scar area
Sign up for Ready Set Go

Prescott National Forest –

- **Ben Roe** –
Hosted County Hazardous Fuels Meeting
Future Plans across jurisdictional boundaries – New Joint Chiefs will include Wilhoit, Crown King, Prescott, and Blue Hills
 - Project needs letters of support from the Firewise Communities.
 - PAWUIC submitted their letter of support on 9/27/18
- **Brad Nuttal – AFMO West**
Broadcast Burn in Basin
In 2018
 - 31 Human Caused Fires for 343 Acres
 - 27 Lightning Caused Fires for 8,529 Acres

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- **Corey Carlson – AFMO East**
Crater – N 169 & S. Cherry – 2000 Acre Maintenance Burn
 - 2 Parts – Hand & Aerial IgnitionsShylock – off 89A towards Jerome near Mingus Academy
 - 3000 Acre Burn –PIO Fuel break Full Scale Broadcast Burn

7. Old Business-

- Grant Updates –
- NFPA Firewise Renewal

8. New Business-

- 50/50 Raffle- \$55.00

Adjourned: 9:15 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 1st at 8:00 a.m.