

**Prescott Area
Wildland Urban Interface Commission
Minutes
December 6, 2018**

Participants: Meghan Taylor-Gebler, Christie Hamman, Michael Orr, Lois Hoskinson, Victoria Wendt, Larry J. Stone, Dennis Shaw, Barb Ross, Jim Zimmerman, Katie Potter, Al West, Mike Donovan, Ronnie Donovan, Hugh Vallely, Jim Buchanan, Ron Sauntman, Stephanie Panza, Tiffany Chiaravalloti, Darrell Anderson, Ted Ferris, Nathan Green, Lyle Burns, Marla Meier, Dorothy Lavarney, Ken Karkula, Mary Ann Clark, Terry Kepler, Dr. Richard Collison, Ginny Sugars, Russell Lafayette, Marty Zythowski, Jasper Lanning, Gene Lee, Rich Van Demark, Thomas Yssel, George Sheets, Steve Canter, C Silveira, Bill Fields, Larry Gray, Amber Fields, Earl Carpenter, Leigh Cosby, Belinda Taylor, Jake Guadiana, Don Devendorf, Wade Ward, Bob Betts, Shirley Howell, Todd Miranda, James Robbins, Gary Wellborn, Sarah Tomsy, Jerry Borgelt, Dawn Salcito, Miles Graybill, Craig Brown, Loren Bykerk, Richard Poulton, Rick Martin, Isiah Keeme, Steve Lombardo, Chris Derosiers, Jim Campbell

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

- The slides we were showing before the meeting are photos of the Christmas Parade held on December 1. Theme was a Hometown Christmas. Many thanks to Marsha, Isaiah, Miles, and everyone else who participated in creating that fabulous float. Not only was it beautifully done, but it was also true to the theme.
- A video of the horrific catastrophic Camp Fire that destroyed Paradise, CA was shared. The inferno burned a total of 153,000 acres, 70,000 in a single day and was reported to have taken out areas larger than an entire football field per second. There were 88 lives lost and many are still unaccounted for. Paradise was a town with a population of about 27,000 people. Over 19,000 structures were also destroyed.
- A slide was shown showing the damage from heavy rains after massive fires led to devastating mudslides.
- NPR recently reported that following the Schultz fire in 2010, home prices in the Flagstaff area dropped in the range of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars. There is no escaping the fact that we are all in this together, and the prevention of catastrophic wildfire must remain a priority for everyone residing in the wildland urban interface. An additional report about the Farm Bill stated that 1/3 of new homes are being built in the interface area.
- Please welcome Carole Stensrud who is taking over as the Chair of the Dewey Humboldt Fire Wise Community. She can be reached at carolestensrud.firewise@gmail.com
- On November 30, I was invited to participate in a tour of multiple sites throughout the Prescott Basin. The tour was arranged by Pete Gordon and participants included Mayor Mengarelli, Dale Deiter, Sarah Tomsy, KC Yowell, Ben Rowe, Susan Johnson, Alana English, Karina Gutierrez, and Chris Welker. It was very informative and made me proud and hopeful about the upcoming projects that will hopefully provide significant additional protection for all of us.

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- Slides showing a review of accomplishments in 2018 of the multiple agencies in the area were also shown.
- 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 29, 2018 Beginning Bank Balance	\$	78,618.35
Total Deposits	\$	46,608.63
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	125,226.98
Debits/Expenses	\$	88,878.14
Ending Bank Balance	\$	36,348.84
Pending Expense Balance	\$	3,833.38
May 31, 2018 Checkbook Balance	\$	32,507.04
Title III Monies 2016	\$	-
AZ Community Foundation Grant	\$	-
Actual Operational Monies	\$	32,507.04

November's report was not available to share today.

5. Agency and Community Activity Reports/Issues

AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management- Jeff Whitney is no longer the AZ State Forester. Prescott Canyon Estates was designated as a firewise community after 4 years of hard work. Many thanks to everyone who assisted in this endeavor.

AZ DOC Mitigation Crew- Crews are working on projects in Potato Patch, Walker, and Crown King. They'll move to Prescott Summit soon.

APS- Finishing up routine pole maintenance, about 63,000 completed. All of Prescott is finished. Sent about 20 employees to Paradise over the last three weeks. APS is doing a lot of great work, but there is still a great deal to do.

Bureau of Land Management- Working on projects near Costco.

City of Prescott FD- Received Title III funds from the County. Finished the Goldwater project and will be moving to Granite Creek Park, Strickland Park. Chipping is ongoing.

Jerome Fire- A crew of three has been working on the Gulch project. The community is responding well to current projects and plans for moving forward.

Office of Emergency Management- Thanks to the Board of Supervisors for Title III funding. YCWPP work continues.

Prescott National Forest - Timber- the Amulet stewardship contract is a mechanical thinning project on the east side of Walker Road. This is a 3 year contract with 600 total acres to complete. Dakota Logging is the operator that started this contract in 2017 and is finishing up the final 300 acres now. The Schoolhouse stewardship contract is being completed by the same operator and will begin working on the 695 acres located between White Spar and Senator Highway. Expect them to start in the coming week.

Fire - been busy on a 7 mile mastication project on Walker Road and the Ranch of Prescott. The project is 500 acres total, with 50-60 acres completed. Crews are active with pile burns, with about 400 acres completed.

Sedona Fire- This year we completed our annual Canyon Clean Up. This event ran for several weekends in the spring and has been ongoing for over 10 years. Citizens were encouraged through print, radio and social media to reduce fuel loading around their homes and business. Citizens provided volunteer hours to bring collected material to Sedona Fire Station 4. Sedona Fire personnel assisted in loading vegetative material into roll off dumpsters for further disposal. In all 18 tons of material were removed. Sedona Fire also supported the Coconino National Forest with multiple managed fires in and around the district. By providing medical and logistical support 10,000 plus acres of forest were successfully treated. Sedona Fire conducted community meetings and maintained a Facebook account to provide information about current fire conditions, fires actively burning and smoke impacts to the region. Sedona Fire Engines have been helping in Southern California.

NRCS- Working with AZ State Fire and the DOC fire crew on projects in Sundown Acres with 4 structure protection projects completed.

6. **Old Business-**

100% NFPA renewal was completed by our 40 firewise communities. Thanks to Jim Zimmerman for all his help with completing this task before the November 16th deadline.

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, Special thanks to Shirley Howell, Lois Hoskinson and Belinda Taylor for all their hard work they put into preparing the grant applications and follow up paper work. This grant was approved and we are awaiting the final hard copy.

Many thanks goes to Leigh Cosby for her terrific work and long hours she put in completing the State Farm 25,000 grant and the Lioness Club Grant.

7. **New Business-**

50/50 Raffle- Shirley Howell won and donated the money back to PAWUIC.

Nominations from the floor for 2019 officers- A motion was made and approved to move forward with the current officers with Andie Smith from CAFMA taking over treasurer duties. Please contact Paul Gosar and other State Representatives to encourage passage of the new Farm Bill that includes strong provisions regarding wildfire prevention and forest health.

Representative Gosar contact info: Prescott Office (928) 445-1683 Washington (202) 225-2315

Adjourned: 8:51 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7th at 8:00 a.m.