

**Prescott Area
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission
Minutes
May 3, 2018**

Participants: Michael Orr, Dennis Shaw, Augie Giliberto, Jim Zimmerman, Bob Betts, Jerry Borgelt, Marty Borgelt, Joe Pendergast, Gary Wellborn, Earl Carpenter, Jim Campbell, C Silveira, Don Jones, Craig Brown, Greg Clark, Gary Worob, Dawn Salcito, Bill Wolff, Russell Lafayette, Lee Wise, Darrell Anderson, Ron Sauntman, Ben Roe, Mary Ann Clark, Ken Karkula, Al West, James Robbins, Mike Laing, Lyle Burns, Thomas Yssel, Cindy Miner, Miles Graybill, Collin Phipps, Bill Brye, Steve Lombardo, Richard Collison, Alessandra Collison, Rick Chase, Loren Bykerk, Bill Fields, Barbara Lucas, Sarah Tomsy, Don Devendorf, Christie Hamman, Judy Egan, Tom Yowell, Ted Everett, Douglas Taylor-Gebler, Meghan Taylor-Gebler, Jake Guadiana, JD Greenberg, Richard Hall, Vickie Wendt, Lois Hoskinson, Dale Deiter, Marty Zytkowski, Ken Rhodes, Belinda Taylor, Lois Hoskinson

Recorder: Seleatha Mendibles

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order.

2. Chairman's Remarks- Michael Orr

- Thank you all for attending today - I drove up to Prescott yesterday and was thrilled to hear we got $> \frac{1}{2}$ " of rain in our neighborhood
- Many thanks to everyone who participated in the successful Firewise Expo on 4/21/18. There was a wonderful turnout at the PAWUIC booth and volunteers did a great job communicating with the public about firewise concerns, and tried to impress on everyone that we are very concerned about the potential for historic fire activity this year. Jeff Whitney stressed this concern in a recent Arizona Republic Article. The posters created by the Juniper Heights/Old Senator Highway community were excellent and professional. I asked Meghan and Doug Taylor-Gebler to bring the poster to today's meeting for display.
- Thanks to Lois Hoskinson, Shirley Howell, Marty and Jerry Borgelt, Thomas Yssel, Dennis Shaw, and Judy Egan for attending the 3rd annual Arizona WUI and Firewise Summit Living with Wildfire meeting in Pinetop on 4/27-28. The report making several contacts and receiving a great deal of information. Information from Judy Egan: There were over 200 participants with half being homeowners. Homeowners and HOAs shared successes and failures and ways to get the firewise information out to others. The event was free due to a large amount of sponsors. There were 24 breakout sessions, 2 large group sessions and 30 speakers.
- The Tinder Fire is the largest of many fires burning in the state. The fire was human caused by an illegal campfire. It has currently burned 11,400 acres and is 12% contained. The inciweb site can be utilized to obtain full data reports on all fires. Andrew Owen who has been on site at the Timber fire reported 26 homes were lost but with the initial fury of the fire he was afraid they would lose hundreds. Firewise neighborhoods and properties definitely benefitted, but some firewise homes were still damaged. Also talked with Andrew about the movie project that is in the works regarding Project Andrew and the organizations involved in this amazing project.

- I met with members of the Juniper Heights/Old Senator Highway committee on 4/23 and toured the community. We identified several specific areas of concern. They reside in the County, but receive water from the city. The water pressure is very low throughout the neighborhood and there are no fire hydrants. Their firewise day is scheduled for 5/5/18.
- A video and photos of the recent home fire in the Blue Hills region on the western side of Dewey Humboldt was shared. We dodged a bullet on this fire, but cannot expect to be so lucky in the future. The entire Dewey Humboldt region remains at a very high risk for catastrophic fire.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

4. Financial Report- Treasurer's Report- Not available to present, but numbers are here

February 28, 2018 Beginning Bank Balance	\$	22,547.69
Total Deposits	\$	55,048.61
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	77,596.30
Debits/Expenses	\$	41,147.52
Ending Bank Balance	\$	36,448.78
Pending Expense Balance	\$	12,615.35
March 31, 2018 Checkbook Balance	\$	23,833.43
Title III Monies 2016	\$	3,749.70
AZ Community Foundation Grant	\$	-
Actual Operational Monies	\$	20,083.73
March 31, 2018 Beginning Bank Balance	\$	36,448.78
Total Deposits	\$	3,954.97
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	40,403.75
Debits/Expenses	\$	11,194.66
Ending Bank Balance	\$	29,209.09
Pending Expense Balance	\$	5,120.00
April 20, 2018 Checkbook Balance	\$	24,089.09
Title III Monies 2016	\$	3,749.70
AZ Community Foundation Grant	\$	-
Actual Operational Monies	\$	20,339.39

5. Presentation: Ron Sauntman, Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management- Emergency Services Manager

Ron shared a brief career history and how he came to this position. Currently getting acclimated to the position and the scope of work at hand. Reviewing and revising plans and returning to the core principles of Emergency Management. Will be assisting at the Wildfire Expo and continue to engage the community. Also working on engaging new partners and stakeholders with a heavy focus on education and providing firewise knowledge to everyone.

The County's free slash program starts 6/1/18. Please call Yavapai County Development Services for questions or needs.

6. Agency and Community Activity Reports/Issues

AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management- Seasonals are on, but working on their 80 hours of training and will be available starting 5/13/18. The recent firewise assessor course had 29 participants. Was able to get signatures to move forward with the Dewey project, but work is delayed because of the implementation of Stage 2 restrictions.

AZ DOC Mitigation Crew- Crew has been busy responding to small fires, but still committed to completing projects. The crew is primarily a fire response team. Completed the Juniper Heights project. The Phoenix crew assisted for a day on projects in Walker and Juniper Heights.

Central AZ Fire and Medical Authority- Completed 11 assessments and spoke at two events. Also participated at the Wildfire Expo. There are 11 people assisting with the Tinder Fire. Please familiarize yourself with the specifics of stage 2 restrictions. They are posted on various websites and Facebook pages.

City of Prescott FD- Working on the same projects from last month, all hand thinning and mastication. There are 5 people assisting with the Tinder Fire. Chipping work is paused due to a downed truck. A launch meeting is scheduled next week to introduce a \$10,000 grant matching program for mitigation work within the city limits. The 2nd annual Citizens Fire Academy starts on 6/7/18 and has spots for 14-16 participants. Please call (928) 777-1700 for more information.

Prescott National Forest- Timber: The Lynx Creek watershed improvement project is 270 acres and on the east side of Walker road. Site visits have been completed and a contractor was selected on Monday.

Fuels- There are engines working on the Tinder Fire. Additional resources are prepositioned in the area and the PNF is being proactive by having additional prevention resources available for patrolling. Additional engines from the region are also assisting. There was a lightning strike caused fire started last night near Paulden. Crews are monitoring and may consider managing this natural ignition for resource benefit.

University of AZ Cooperative Extension- No news is good news regarding bark beetle activity in the area. Small report on the Apache-Sitgreaves NF.

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors- Nothing to report.

Jeep Posse- Main focus is fire evacuation and offers door to door assistance within Yavapai County. Works with communities regarding evacuation routes and has been a volunteer organization in the area for the past 65 years.

Alexa Scholl- Is a member of the Prescott City Council and is assisting with spreading firewise information and stage 2 restrictions notifications. She will report back at the next meeting regarding the availability of the Sundog Ranch transfer station for a free slash program.

7. Old Business-

Grant Updates

WFHF 15-208, closed.

WFHF 16-204, work is continuing and will close on 12/31/18.

SFA 2017, for newer communities and education.

Title III, deadline extended to 12/31/18.

FSP 17-0014- Grant available for PAWUIC to create a movie regarding forest stewardship.

Working with NRCS and have already done several interviews.

8. New Business-

Home and Garden Show- Chief Light arranged for PAWUIC to have a booth at the 40th annual Yavapai County Contractors Association Home Show on May 18, 19 and 20. Show times are from 9 AM to 5 PM Friday and Saturday, and 9 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. This event will provide a tremendous opportunity to get the name of PAWUIC/Yavapai Firewise out in the community.

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We will definitely need the assistance of a lot of volunteers if we hope to make this a successful venture. A sign-up sheet is available on the back table. Need agency brochures as well.

Executive Board meeting- scheduled for 5/29/18.

Emergency newsletter- Marty Zytowski from Prescott Skyline sent out this newsletter with a great checklist for evacuation preparedness.

5/50 Raffle- Alexa Scholl won the raffle and donated the total back to PAWUIC.

Adjourned: 8:47 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 7th at 8:00 a.m.

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