

**Prescott Area  
Wildland Urban Interface Commission  
Minutes  
August 1, 2019**

**Participants:** Christie Hamman, Toni L. Yowell, Bob Betts, Lois Hoskinson, Patrice Russell, Joe Pendergast, Augie Giliberto, Jim Zimmerman, Nathan Green, Sarah Tomskey, Darrell Anderson, Andie Smith, Al West, Dawn Salcito, Don Schafer, Gary Wellborn, Bill Hartley, Rick Chase, Darlene Packard, Barb Ross, Mary Ann Clark, Hugh Vallyely, Tiffany Chiaravalloti, Ron Sauntman, Donna Forster, Richard Poulton, Loren Bykerk, Paul Scrivens, Spencer Plumb, Marla Meier, Ian Harvey, Ted Ferris, Bryan Thomas, Bret Lucas, Larry Gray, Shirley Howell, Isaiah Keeme, James Robbins, Rick Martin, Bill Wolff, Ernesto Manzanedo, Jim Poore, Marques Munis, Chuck Silveira, Henry Dahlberg, Thomas Yssel, Marty Zytkowski, Eleanor Sisson, Wayne Sisson, Peter Glenn, Rick Moshier, Bill Swahlen, Russ Lafayette, Bill Brye, Sue Tone, Ben De Blois, Ed Hanks, Bill Fields, Jeanne Seely, Phil Goode, Mary Mallory, Richard Hall

**Recorder: Seleatha Mendibles**

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order.

**2. Chairman's Remarks- Bob Betts**

Thank you PNF for the B-roll of pictures running before the meeting. Outstanding work on the Cellar Fire by all; containing it to 7500 acres when it could have been much worse. In the slides I highlighted the particularly incredibly difficult task the hotshots from Prescott and Mesa had in laying down a line on the western flank of the fire.

All of the membership should have received Chief Light's email and link to the Arizona Republic Article on the fire risk in the west and how Prescott shares many of the attributes that led to the loss of life in Paradise CA following the Camp Fire. The WUI code of Prescott is being viewed as a deterrent to developers when in fact it is a deterrent to the loss of life and property. The Chief is encouraging us to support the adoption of the 2018 WUI code by talking to your council representatives. I believe he is asking us members to also reach out our communities and provide them the facts about building in the WUI. Along the same lines, an article appeared in the Sacramento Bee that even Lloyd's of London, a known high flying, risk-taking insurance company is backing away from insuring homes in the WUI. It's reported to have also happened out here. All the more important to have strong WUI codes and high ISO ratings, which we do.

FAC (Fire Adapted Community) Learning Network last week released the graphic and facilitator's guide to help practitioners explain FAC concepts to partners, residents and other practitioners. If you aren't a current affiliate member of the Fire Adapted Community Learning Network and would like a copy of the material, contact Lois. Overall graphic has the Fire Adapted Community in the center surrounded by two concentric rings. The inner ring describes the areas of focus for the community including Plans and Regulations, Safety & Evacuation, etc. As you move to the outer ring you have the specific actions that will be needed.

Here is the NIFC forecast for the current calendar quarter. July was just as it was promised with the curing of the vegetative fuels and some lightning to get things going. You can see from the map the bright red, high risk area crossing AZ diagonally from SE to NW. The Cellar, Woodbury,

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and Museum Fires attest to this prediction. Here's yesterday's look at northern and central AZ wildfires. On the map green X's are good round A's are active fires. The larger the A, the larger the wildfire in terms of acres burned or burning. Predictions for continued monsoon precipitation is showing an outlook for normal risk throughout August and September.

Timber Ridge and Quail Hollow have recently made donations to PAWUIC, but community donations overall have decreased since 2017.

### **Ready, Set Go, Code Red- Augie Giliberto – Jeep Posse**

The Jeep Posse works closely with YCSO and the fire departments during emergency situations. This allows them to do their jobs more efficiently by alleviating the pressure of evacuations and road blocks. They are also available for community presentations related to evacuations and other emergency situations. Their presentations offer an "outside the box" approach to evacuations and provide a variety of other emergency information. If not already signed up for Code Red alerts, go to YCSOAZ.gov. And because cell reception can be spotty, opt to receive text messages as well.

### **Bryan Thomas- YCSO**

Works with the Sheriff's PIO and assists with neighborhood watches and HOAs. Bryan is also available for community presentations. He speaks on crime prevention and ready set go. He also provides information related to shelters for equine and other animals during evacuations. This includes LASER- Large animal shelter and evacuation readiness and EEE- equine emergency evacuations. The volunteer workforce exceeds the number of actual deputies on staff.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

## **4. Financial Report- Treasurer's Report**

June 1, 2019	Beginning Bank Balance	\$	37,758.54
	Total Deposits	\$	881.85
	Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	38,640.39
	Debits/Expenses	\$	2,119.11
	Ending Bank Balance	\$	36,521.28
	Pending Expense Balance	\$	124.00
June 28, 2019	Checkbook Balance	\$	36,397.28
	Title III FF1819 Encumbered	\$	3,500.00
	NRCS Payment for DOC invoices Encumbered	\$	3,342.29
	Actual Operational Monies	\$	29,002.98

## **5. Agency and Community Activity Reports/Issues**

**AZ Dept. of Forestry and Fire Management-** Crews are currently not working due to a serious equipment failure at the Cellar fire. Not sure when things will be repaired. Approved for 550 acres in the Dewey area. This project should begin in the next few months. This will include additional work along the highway 69 corridor.

**Central AZ Fire and Medical Authority-** Completed 40 firewise assessments in June and July. Currently booking a month out for assessments. Worked with Dewey/Humboldt on their 5 year assessment and expanded their area of work. A firefighter was involved in an accident on the Mulch fire. He will be alright, but will be off for about a month for recovery.

**City of Prescott FD-** Completed about 60 assessments in June and July. The chipping program continues but is secondary to project work. Completed about 90 acres on Senator Highway. A new project in Mountain Club will begin next week.

**Jerome FD-** Ian Harvey will be representing Jerome FD moving forward. Completed a 14 acre project with PAWUIC. Fire break projects are ongoing. 150 residential hours have been recorded. Fuel abatement crew has recorded over 100 hours. Working on educating residents about being firewise.

**City Council-** Phil Goode was the only vote against the Granite Dells expansion due to the lack identified emergency exits.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service-** Several operations ongoing in the Prescott Basin. In June, 750,000 in funds were obligated as part of the Joint Chief's Project. Worked with Chino Winds and the local conservation districts to hire an archaeologist for project work. Coordinating with groups of landowners and non-profits. This model is being duplicated on other states.

**Emergency Management-** Thanks for all the hard work on the Cellar fire. Was able to send volunteers to the Museum fire to help fill sandbags.

**Prescott National Forest-** A 750 acre timber sale on Mingus Mountain has been advertised. The Cellar fire is 100% contained and in controlled status. A closure remains in effect, but the area is smaller. Mastication work in Lynx Creek is ongoing, but should be finished by the end of the week. Will move on to Indian Creek. Pile burning will continue as long as weather permits.

**Board of Supervisors-** Even during the dry season, it is still important to continue to talk about being firewise. Any season can be fire season and it is important to have these conversations with neighbors. Ready set go mailers are going out soon. Mary Mallory is the new Supervisor for District 5. She is excited to be working with the communities and seeing all the proactive work related to being firewise.

#### **Communities:**

**Cathedral Pines-** Had good speakers for the recent firewise day. Augie Giliberto from the Sheriff's Jeep Posse spoke regarding evacuations.

**Mountain Club-** Rick Chase spoke at the recent firewise day. Completing assessments was one of the topics.

**Groom Creek-** Firewise assessments and pine needle removal have been areas of importance in the community. Have received \$14,000 in donations to go toward pine needle removal.

#### **6. Old Business-**

Grant funds are still available. Should receive information on the newest grant in October. Even though grants are available, homeowners have the primary responsibility for property mitigation.

#### **7. New Business-**

-Still working on changes to the organization structure of PAWUIC. Leaning more toward an incident command structure. Took a short break, but will be reengaging to continue this work.

-50/50 Raffle- Darlene Packard won and donated the money to the Firefighter Foundation.

**Adjourned: 9:01 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3 at 8:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Seleatha Mendibles, PAWUIC Recording Secretary  
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