

**Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fire Safe Santa Cruz County (FSSCC)**

Thursday, October 5th, 2017

10:30 AM

Location: Community Foundation Santa Cruz County
Solari East Conference Room
7807 Soquel Drive
Aptos, CA 95003

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Joe Christy at 1031.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME**

Directors Present: Joe Christy, President
Angie Gruys for Chris Coburn (absent), Treasurer
Chris Berry
Felix Sorrentino
Tim Reilly
Jen Michelsen
Ed Hayes
Andy Hubbs, Secretary

Directors Absent: Matt Johnston, Vice President
Ian Rowbotham
Nancy Cole
Trevor Dirksen

Attendees: Rich Sampson, CAL FIRE
Frank Rodgers, CAL FIRE
Sarah Collamer CAL FIRE
Becky Steinbruner, Aptos Hills Resident
Roger Tompkins, NRCS
Edd Silveira, Friends of De Laveaga Park
Chris Duymich, MBARD
Brenda Hermann, CCC
Lynn Overtree, Land Trust of SCC
Chuck Harmon, Cliffwood Estates
Barbara Schulties, Cliffwood Estates
Jim Frawley, Santa Cruz Fire Department

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Chuck Harmon from Cliffwood estates explains fire hazard and request assistance there.

- SC Fire Chief Frawley would like to have improved representation of fire hazards in the City and offer support to FSSCC.
- Edd Silveria reiterates fire concern in the De Laveaga Park area and again requests assistance.
- Chris Berry notes discussion from a meeting he attended with Chris Coburn in which funding was discussed that may be available through the RCD, possibly through state cap and trade funds, for fuel reduction to deal with eucalyptus and assisting the elderly.
- CCC expects legislation for fuel reduction through cap and trade as well. Also, they have SRA funding available now that includes chipping.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1. Review and Approve of 08/03/2017 meeting summary – Andy motions, Ed Hayes seconds, all approve.

5. REPORTS

- 5.1. Treasurer’s report – Chris Coburn reports to Joe, prior to the meeting, that \$40 in cash has been obtained and there is an unspecified amount of County money as well.
- 5.2. Director’s reports - none

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1. None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1. Status Update: Chipper Program – Funded by Monterey Bay Air Resources Control Board
- Angie has an additional \$5k for chipping available through the end of November, preferably end of October. Up to 8” diameter; must be stacked roadside and ready for chipping.
 - RCD applied for grant funding for SNAP clearing and chipping (referenced in 7.6.2) and other chipping. Possibly available for next year.
- 7.2. Status Update: Website – no updates
- 7.3. Status Update: Facebook Site – up and active, but not much traffic reports Chris Berry. Suggest drawing people to it to gain traction. FSSCC can increase the number of administrators as well so more postings can occur.
- 7.4. Status Update: Grants – nothing aware of other than what Angie discussed in “public section”
- 7.5. Status Update: Director’s and Officer’s Insurance – no updates
- 7.6. Project priorities and potential grant opportunities:
- 7.6.1. Application & Factors for Success of Fire Safe Project Proposals – Joe summaries the efforts of the committee delegated to create the process for new project proposals and asks FSSCC for feedback:
- Angie suggest most people won’t know about CEQA, species and habitat; and questions match.
 - Rich suggests having member help and involvement; Ed Hayes recalls a discussion of a committee for this process. General agreement that this would be a good idea.

- Angie explains the process RCD goes through with grant selection similar to the circulated “initiation form”.
- Rich suggests at least 3 members help fill out and rate proposals.
- Becky suggests including available sponsor box on the form and information about sponsor training.
- Motion to establish Technical Advisory Committee: Andy, Chris Berry, Joe, and RCD member will form the committee. Chris Berry motions the above entities will form the committee; Tim seconds; all in favor.
- Becky asks how the notice will be given to the public. Newspapers and circulation was discussed, discussion turned toward fine tuning process before advertising to public and focusing on known needed areas for the time being.
- Felix suggest a targeted project selection based on known high priority areas and FSSCC reaching out to neighborhoods individually for support, if needed.

7.6.2. Chipping / Senior & Disabled Program – see 7.1 above

7.6.3. Update to Living with Fire in Santa Cruz County

- Chris Berry asks what the status is for the CWPP update. \$2.5k was mentioned for this update; San Mateo would be willing to update as well per Rich. Angie will check to see what the RCD may require in terms of cost. Rich suggests getting both FSCs and RCDs together.
- Living with Fire from Fire Safe SMC was brought as an example for an update. A budget is needed for creating and printing and will be discussed with Chris Coburn. This will be an action item on next month’s agenda.

7.6.4. Community Foundation Search: Alternatives to State / Federal funding sources – Angie will forward fire related funding opportunities that the RCD comes across. This will be an action item on next month’s agenda.

8. ADJOURN – 11:58

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be December 7, 2017 Location TBD