

RDS Fire Safe Council Meeting

Minutes

April 23, 2024

Call to Order 6:15 PM

Board Attendees

Gary, Bruce, Valerie, Erik and Robert

Other Attendees

Glenda Dickson, Jon Wagner, Steve Bernstein and Marty Soth

Chairperson's Report

- **Accomplishments since last meeting:**
 - o Set-up Spring Green Waste event for May 18 -19
 - o Four RDSFSC members attended EDCFSC Meeting on 4-17 and follow-on training session on Enhanced Defensible Space
 - o Resident Survey Completed (55 responses received)
 - o Arranged for Sheriff's OES presentation on Evacuation at 6/22 POA Annual meeting

- **EL Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) - Monthly Meeting Highlights (from April 17 meeting):**
 - o Confirmed Cal Fire will be doing Defensible Space Inspections in Rancho Del Sol as a focus area. OPWR briefed that post cards will be mailed to residents before Inspections. OPWR stated that a total of 5,000 inspections are planned countywide in 2024.
 - o Board memberships for 6/24- 6/25 due to EDCFSC by June 1st
 - o OWPR CWPP Steering Committee Kick-off Meeting planned for Thursday 4/25
 - o Hugh Council forming Defensible Space Working Group to address checklists, handouts, and overall consistency between FSC Assessors and County/Cal Fire Inspectors- Gary & Glenda will be supporting – meeting 4/29
 - o EDCFSC is updating their Wildfire Preparedness Workbook
 - o Cal Fire briefed that Burn Permits expire on 4/30 and must be renewed.
 - o Defensible Space Assistance Program remains on-hold pending receipt of awarded grant funding.
 - o The 5101 Ordinance revision is now scheduled for a June 18 first reading at the EDC Board of Supervisors
 - o Sheriff's OES Lt. Morton announced Wildfire Evacuation Town Hall planned for May 18th at Union Mine High School Gym from 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM (same day as our Green Waste event). Also, a countywide RAVE test is being planned for later this spring.

- **Urgent Issues:**
 - o Reviewed and approved Board changes for the 6/24 – 6/25 FSC term. Bruce Dickson will be leaving the Board and be replaced by Glenda Dickson. Erik Hornbaker will be leaving the Board and be replaced by Steve Bernstein. Valerie Fields will change from Secretary to Treasurer and Glenda will become Secretary. Steve will be the Member at Large. The remainder of the Board is unchanged with Gary Boal as Chair and Robert Henke as Vice-Chair.

- Spring Green Waste event – Bruce has reserved the chipper for Saturday May 18th. Gary will reserve the four dumpsters at Waste Connections later this week. Gary will post the large poster board at the mailroom this week after the rain is over. Good response to our call for volunteers – approximately nine volunteers are committed and there are a few more we will continue to follow up with. We will need one more tarp - Gary to check with Ken Fields as he may have one – if not we will purchase one.
 - Planning for Annual Property Owner’s Association Meeting on 6/22 is progressing. The Sheriff’s OES Deputy is scheduled to arrive at 11:00 AM for a presentation on evacuation. Will finalize plans for table display and handouts at the next FSC meeting.
- **Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** – minutes for the March 26th RDSFSC meeting were approved and will be forwarded to Steve to post on website.

Project Leader Reports

- **Education & Outreach - Glenda**
 - Glenda has found some new videos on evacuation that she will be posting on the website along with the EDCFSC video on FSC participation. She is also preparing to update the mailroom display for next month.
- **Property Assessment Status/Plans - Gary**
 - Two RDS assessments and one external assessment were completed in April.
 - Seven RDS assessments are pending and three external assessments pending.
 - Marty suggested we contact Keith Fazackerley and offer an assessment and possibly some Defensible Space assistance. Glenda has one additional external assessment to add to the list. Robert also has an additional RDS assessment request he will forward.
- **Planning**
 - Grant activity – no update this month on the Education & Training grant submitted by EDCFSC.
- **Fund Raising**
 - Valerie discussed some possible options for better fund raising at the upcoming Green Waste event.
- **Special Projects (Resident Survey)**
 - Short discussion on the survey results. Receiving 55 responses was very helpful and the Board is continuing to review them.

Roundtable Discussion (Resident’s Comments)

- Jon suggested we try to develop a list of local contractors that are available to help with Defensible Space tasks such as roof clearing.
- Glenda suggested we contact our original neighborhood leads and solicit their re-engagement in FSC activities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

NEXT RDSFSC meeting will be Tuesday May 28, 2024, at 6:00 PM – will determine if it is an in-person event or Zoom meeting and announce prior to the meeting.