Oakland Firesafe Council Minutes

3-14-15 Meeting Called to Order at 10:08am

Sue Piper
Bob Sieben
Ken Benson
Dinah Benson
Michael Kilian
Lin Barron
Jay Ashford
Allene Warren

Minutes accepted for Meeting of 01-10-15

Treasurers Report given by Michael Kilian- $180 and he discussed that he had renewed our Mailbox for another year.

Outreach—Sue and Ken doing outreach to Elaine Geffen on presenting to Montclair Neighborhood organizations and plan to use One Less Spark One Less Wildfire as the basic presentation.

Board discussed Gateway Educational Panels as Sue discussed that donations were beginning to come in such as plants, supplies, et. all. Discussing with WPAD, PG&E, CalFire, and AIG. Post dedication plan and promotion was discussed by the Board. Sue sought approval by the Board to have OFSC act as fiduciary for the fundraising for the Demonstration Garden; passed unanimously.

Board discussed the CWPP Draft update and decided that if we had any updates that they would be after the Diablo Firesafe Council Alameda County CWPP presentation date of March 26th.
Board discussed the pending FEMA award and if the City of Oakland was actively pursuing it and what we might do to promote to the City’s key elected officials the importance of pursuing the Grant. Board decided to draft a letter to Mayor Libby Schaaf and send copies to all City Council members. It was the Boards intent to schedule meetings with the Mayor and with Councilmember Anne Campbell-Washington.

Open discussion on WPAD items such as the Board’s moving forward on the Vegetation Management Plan. Who was appointed to the ad-hoc planning committee and what was planned for the next WPAD Board Meeting.

Board was urged to discuss with City Council and their staffs about the highest priority and importance for wildfire prevention and vegetation management in Oakland as a top budget priority for this two-year budget cycle and it was decided that OFSC would use Dinah’s letter for the Mayor and OWLS letter by Lin Barron.

Next Meeting was set for May 11, 2015 at 9:00am at 33 Hiller Drive.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am