Present:
Lin Barron
Ken Benson
Jon Kaufman
Jerry Kent
Gordon Piper
Sue Piper
Elizabeth Stage
Nick Vigilante

Meeting called to order at 10:07 am.

1. Approval of Minutes July 18, 2020—accepted as mailed

2. Treasurer’s Report
   Amount in Bank: $20,679
   Amount of the above which reflects contributions for the Regional Planning project; i.e., the JPA: $3,250. These contributions were deposited on August 13th and August 20th.

3. Old Business
   a. Oakland CP&R--Neighborhood Organizing Update- The Constant Contact emails are being passed on to other neighborhoods— and more neighbors hitting our site; and signing up for the emails. We ask that when you receive the email, please send message to community groups that you are part of.
   b. Communication Cal Fire morning briefing—ask if Council gets it – make sure on our list; Need to train police chiefs to do notices; get burden off back of Fire Chiefs- notification is an ongoing circumstance—city notifications from Berkeley and Oakland—Elizabeth—Alameda County and Cal Fire—Berkeley more proactive and Hayward than Oakland; Oakland – at city level or department, there’s a level of legal review way overboard, dysfunctional in emergencies—a policy issue, address when OFSC meets with new City Administrator.
c. **Town Hall on August 31, District 1 and District 4**- starting with Joe DeVries, sharing work in progress on Wildfire Response Team—speak out on issues we think they have addressed well, and areas that need more work. There does not appear to be a communications plan in Oakland that is part of city’s response to fire. Sharing what we get when we get it—sending it to the electeds—pressure on city departments. City attorney-Only going to come on city council.

d. **Regional Vegetation Management District Update- Jon Kaufman**

Raise Seed Money to organize for JPA. Making progress financially-- $1000 from Piedmont Pines—asked members to continue to solicit—City of Hayward City Manager and Chief of Fire—agreed to set up meeting with Alameda County City Manager’s group and County Fire Chiefs—meeting with Contra Costa – western; trying to set up meetings in Central Contra Costa - spreading the word, don’t yet have people signed up. Steve Danziger will try to set up Dave Winnacker, LaMorinda fire chief; fire chiefs not policy people, leave it up to the City Managers.

e. **Update on State Legislation - AB2167 and SB292**- Elizabeth Stage: 15-page bill supported by the insurance industry was going to screw High Risk Zone Residents—now down to 1 page—AB 38-gut the action-to study and get back two years. Insurance commission please study and get back to us in 2022.

f. **Update on Climate Action Plan**- City Council approved it unanimously. Sue Piper raised with council members and will raise with City Administrator Ed Reiskin the need for an explicit process that resolves conflicts between the screening criteria for equity and the priority needs for wildfire prevention.

g. **Update on Volunteer Use of Power Tools**—rose with Ed Reiskin and Councilmember Sheng Thao—should rise at the meeting on 31st.

4. Open Forum -

Gordon—Customer Service Request to Cal Trans—did nothing; sent email Cal Trans raising concerns not having done anything after saying they would. Inspector for District 1-don’t inspect city properties or Cal Trans properties. Appears things have changed inspecting City or Cal Trans—Cal Trans allowed to do what it wants. Problematic—Vince would give them deadlines-Wondering if no following through – holding—NHCA sent a letter to Melinda Drayton, asked her to deal with Caltrans—however she needs to. I got a call this Thursday, from Steve Hanson; I know Drayton has asked for a briefing. Public Records request on inspections on public properties.

Jon Kaufman—**UC Berkeley**—released its Plan and EIR for vegetation management; plan is not different from preliminary plan, have written draft response that CCC board is
now reviewing, meeting with staff attorneys, moving forward to deal with what University is Proposing.

Jerry—best friend should be Fire Chief in LaMorinda. It’s the big regional agencies, CalFire, East Bay Mud, EPRP; the residents are doing fine; but the big problem, Caltrans, freedom of information act—all codes and procedures, agency isn’t doing what say they would do. This should be issue for one agency at a time, should be done regionally, with Caltrans, PG&E, EBMUD, EBRP. After we got Freedom of Information, showed what they said was doing, and now they were doing. Does city have any real authority? At that time, different city attorney, met with Caltrans, Caltrans wasn’t living up to what it said it would do and threatened a law suit; but since then City of Oakland and the City Attorney’s Office has apparently ‘wobbled off the road’, if the City attorney not on board with us—need a different city attorney. Cannot inspect outside of City--

Lin—brother lives northwest of Santa Clarita—now 95% contained. 737 jet 150 feet over house to drop red stuff.

Gordon --Raise issues of water—no water at Pinewood Reservoir—no communication re City’s lawsuit against EBMUD—if don’t provide water in the hills, add to the fire risk in our community. North Oakland Sports Field—study and policy review of how handle water usage on city properties in the hills.

Nick—Update—broom and eucalyptus problem that surrounds Public Works Corporation Yard and MRR Trail was quite thick and dangerous Montclair Neighborhood Council filed a complaint. Initial work started and then stopped. Took a video and posted on Next Door. Contacted by David Ferguson and Mr. Battersby, to finish the project. Poses dangers at Public Works—4 above ground diesel tanks, already crowded—State Fire code requires 5 feet of clearance, made worse by green grass and eucalyptus debris sitting on top of them. Open contract to do this work for us.

Newsom’s press conference on Friday should be worth watching.

Gordon- North Oakland Sports Field and the trail development—park district doesn’t get heavy handed on how city spends its money.

5. Next Meeting- September 26 10am to Noon - Zoom
Adjourned 11:27 am.