

## **MINUTES OF THE FIRE SAFE CAMP MEEKER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 2019/01/07**

Richard Seaman called the meeting to order at 12:05.

**ROLL CALL:** Sheila Denton, Amy Lemmer, Richard Seaman

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Elizabeth and Jon Hanlein gave a report on Blanchard Ranch (also known as Alder Creek Ranch), which they own together with Elizabeth's sister Mary Coletti. The ranch occupies 400 acres directly to the east of Dutch Bill Creek, along Morelli Lane. Together with a vineyard, the ranch has 100 acres of redwoods. It is of great strategic interest to fire safety in Camp Meeker, because it lies across a high-probability route for a wildfire coming from the east.

In conjunction with Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, they have filed a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan to improve the ecological health of the forest and reduce wildfire risk. Using grant money provided by the NRCS, they had crews of six people work for 3 days in December of 2018 and 3 days in January of 2019 to thin some of the overcrowded forest.

The Hanleins volunteer with Hope Crisis Response Network to rebuild homes for people burned out by the Valley Fire which devastated Middletown in 2015. They are committed to help the residents of Camp Meeker restore the forest and make our community safer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2018/12/07**

Sheila moved, and Richard seconded that we approve the minutes of the steering committee meeting on 2018/12/07.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

### **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Amy said that the C.O.P.E. organizers responded to her approach, but told her that since C.O.P.E. has no formal organizational body, the program provides C.O.P.E. materials to people such as us who want to use them, with no other support.

Previous action items which were completed have been removed from these minutes, uncompleted action items are listed along with new action items at the end of these minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **(1) Home Hardening Presentation**

Amy suggested that we invite Caerleon Safford to give her home hardening talk in Camp Meeker in February. Richard suggested that doing it in April would give us more time to market it to the community, and that people might be more responsive closer to fire season. We all agreed that Amy should get in touch with Caerleon about doing her talk.

#### **(2) Areas Of Responsibility**

There was a short discussion around what Richard's area of responsibility should be. Richard moved and Sheila seconded that his area of responsibility should be interacting on Fire Safe Camp Meeker's behalf with outside groups including Fire Safe Sonoma, Fire Safe Occidental and NCRC&DC.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

### (3) Brooktrails Fire Safety Brochures

Amy showed us a set of fire safety brochures, including an evacuation map, produced by the community of Brooktrails, near Willits. Brooktrails is like Camp Meeker in having limited egress routes, though their roads are two lanes. The nearby community of Sherwood has a checklist for evacuation: what to do if you must leave immediately, or you have 5 minutes, or more time than that.

Sheila suggested adding materials like this to our website, and Richard suggested creating a wishlist of brochures and other things we want to get.

Several people had time constraints forcing early departures, so the meeting was adjourned at 13:00.

Agenda items which were not addressed will be rolled over to the next meeting.

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Because the meeting ended early, no steering committee member's reports were presented, however Amy offered her property as a defensible space project for us to do, and there was general agreement that this seems like a good idea.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

action item: Richard to distribute agendas and minutes to core team members, community supporters and resource specialists by Wed, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

action item: Everyone to bring suggestions for a mission statement to the next meeting.

action item: Amy to look into getting green waste bins for Camp Meeker residents through Recology, as per a November, 2018 article in the Sonoma County Gazette.

action item: Richard to put the SDR "zone language" on the FSCM website.

action item: Richard to contact potential defensible space property owners about FSCM doing work on their properties.

action item: Richard to contact people on Sylvania Ave about interest in setting up a COPE group.

action item: Amy to contact Caerleon Safford about giving her Home Hardening presentation in Camp Meeker.

action item: Richard to get information to the Hanleins about Bohemia Ecological Preserve, the Good Fire Alliance and the Sonoma County curbside chipper program.

action item: Richard to create a wishlist of brochures and other things we want to get.

The meeting adjourned at 14:28. Minutes taken by Richard Seaman.