

## **MINUTES OF THE FIRE SAFE CAMP MEEKER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 2019/04/08**

Richard Seaman called the meeting to order at 11:07.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2019/03/11**

Sheila moved and Sheila seconded that we approve the minutes of the steering committee meeting on 2019/02/25.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 VETOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

Richard learned that the Sonoma County Park Foundation is really the Sonoma County Regional Park Foundation, so they wouldn't be able to help us with insurance or other resources to do volunteer work on CMR&PD property.

Richard reported that the CMR&PD decided not to allow FSCM do community education meetings in Anderson Hall at no charge, though they did say we could use the hall at no charge if the VFD sponsors the meetings.

Richard reported that the VFD had agreed to let FSCM have a table with fire safety brochures and the FSCM petition at the pancake breakfast on May 26.

After review of previous action items, those which were completed have been removed from these minutes, uncompleted action items were rolled over, and new action items are listed at the end of these minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **(1) Community Education Meetings**

Since FSCM and Fire Safe Occidental (FSO) were both put in touch with Steven Swain, a Forest Health expert at the University of California Cooperative Extension in Novato, we will be doing a joint community education event on May 19 at Salmon Creek School. As well as promoting the event to Camp Meeker residents, FSCM will have a table at the event where we can get petition signatures and contact details of residents who want information or want to volunteer.

#### **(2) Acquisition of Watershed Around Residential Area**

Sheila and Richard reported on their meeting with LandPath's Mission and Strategic Director, Lee Hackeling. She indicated that the idea of acquiring the watershed around the residential area of Camp Meeker has potential, and offered to get mapping done so FSCM can better describe the opportunity to outside groups in order to get their help.

During the steering committee meeting, Richard said that he felt as if he had got ahead of himself with this idea, and that we should verify that the opportunity we believe exists really is a possibility. If it is a possibility, then

we should find out the basic details of the opportunity, such as the amount and boundaries of the land involved and how much it would cost.

### **(3) Work Day At Alia And Pasha Brown's Property**

This work day was set for April 6, but Pasha had to postpone it.

There was an extended discussion of how FSCM should handle these work days. It was agreed that Richard should produce waiver forms, each with appropriate "hold harmless" clauses, for the property owner(s), volunteers and any visitors participating in a work day. The waivers will not specifically mention FSCM; instead, each work day would be sponsored by the property owner, rather than by FSCM, and FSCM would merely act as a go-between to connect community residents with other residents. This approach to the work days should also be reflected in the promotional handouts which FSCM will make available at the VFD pancake breakfast.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **(1) FSCM Elevator Pitch**

The committee discussed Richard's proposed "elevator pitch" description of the FSCM project:

"Fire Safe Camp Meeker aims to create a Model Community to demonstrate how a modern population can restore a Coastal Redwood watershed and live in a sustainable relationship with it. This Model Community will be a place which other coastal redwood community leaders can visit for inspiration and education so they can treasure and restore the environments in which they live."

Amy suggested adding something about FSCM educating and connecting community members to other community members, and this led to the suggestion that we need two elevator pitches, one directed at outside groups whose help we're seeking, and one directed at Camp Meeker residents, to help them understand what we're doing.

At this point we ran out of time, without being able to discuss other new business on the agenda.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

We ran out of time to discuss steering committee members' reports.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35. Minutes taken by Richard Seaman.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Sheila and Richard to discuss ideas for the FSCM logo, and what the 6'x2' FSCM banner should look like.

Richard and Sheila to produce a take-away FSCM promotional sheet for the pancake breakfast, including mention of COPE groups and individual property work, as well as our Facebook page. We should put a QR code on the sheet so people can visit our website.

Sheila to ask for SDR's approval of the "zone language" which Richard put on the FSCM website, on the "helpful organizations" page under "St Dorothy's Rest".

Richard to ask North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council about using their insurance for volunteers, about people making donations to FSCM through NCRC&DC, and about what grants we could be applying for.

Richard to tell Tom Austin of Camp Meeker Beat about individual property owners' projects, and COPE groups.

Richard to prepare press releases for NextDoor, FaceBook, Camp Meeker Beat and other outlets, to be circulated to the steering committee before publication.

Sheila to take press release announcing Fawn joining the steering committee from NextDoor and put it on FaceBook.

Richard to finalize Fitch Mountain tour with Linda Collister.

Richard to put Amy in touch with Elizabeth Shue, who is one of the Fire Safe Occidental people responsible for their community education program. This is of particular relevance because of the combined FSO/FSCM community education event on May 19, featuring speakers on Forest Health and Insurance.