

## **MINUTES OF THE FIRE SAFE CAMP MEEKER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 2019/05/06**

**chair:** Richard Seaman    **minutes:** Richard Seaman

meeting called to order at 11:07.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2019/04/22**

Amy moved and Sheila seconded that we approve the minutes of the steering committee meeting on 2019/04/22.  
AYES: 3    NAYS: 0    VETOES: 0    ABSTENTIONS: 0

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Richard reported that he and Paul Stange of Fire Safe Occidental met with Brock Dolman to discuss OAEC's involvement with FSCM and FSO. Since OAEC is in Occidental and borders Camp Meeker, everyone agreed that it makes sense for OAEC to interact with both groups. There was quite a bit of discussion of the idea of environmental groups acquiring the forested watershed around and through the residential area of Camp Meeker, Brock said there had been discussions of this idea in the past, apparently very informal, and that it was probably doable.

Richard said that he had been in touch with Gold Ridge RCD about getting the slated Watershed Health Coordinator to become involved with our project. He was told that they would certainly like to have the coordinator meet with interested groups, possibly including FSCM.

Sheila said that St Dorothy's is open to selling small parcels to Camp Meeker residents, administrative costs of doing this would be about \$4,000.

Amy spoke with Caerleon about home hardening. Caerleon prefers that we don't teach home hardening ourselves, but rely on the home hardening section of the CWPP.

Amy called Ambrosia of Recology, but hasn't heard back. Amy wants to get waste management brochures we can give to residents at the pancake breakfast. We discussed getting Recology to pick up yard waste in Camp Meeker.

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

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**

Amy showed us a Monte Rio cafe coaster which looked very similar to our monochrome logo.

Richard suggested that we think far, far out of the box and have two logos for FSCM, one monochrome and one color. After discussion, we decided the monochrome logo would be used on the two handouts we're preparing, and the color logo would be used on the 6' x 2.5' "forest photo" banner Richard is ordering. Richard said that at a future date we could junk this banner and come up with something different, if we so decide.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *(1) Balance Between Oversight And Autonomy*

This discussion was about finding the balance between steering committee members making decisions about how an area of responsibility (such as education, marketing or defensible space implementation) should be executed, and the person responsible for that area making the decisions.

Richard said that since we're all intelligent and creative people, it can be beneficial for us to give our opinions even on areas of responsibility which aren't ours, but that doesn't mean that we make the decisions for those areas of responsibility.

Sheila suggested the principle that if a steering committee member can't making a convincing case that a particular course of action could cause harm to the FSCM project, then the responsible person should make the go/no-go decision.

Sheila also suggested that we make these decisions by asking the question "is this activity safe to try for now?" If the answer is "yes", then we can experiment with the activity, and then revisit the decision if people want to.

Sheila's principles met with general approval, and become official policy until further notice.

We ran out of time to discuss other agenda items.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:32.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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".

Sheila to ask for SDR's permission to try to find a buyer for the parcel(s) of land SDR owns surrounding and through the residential area of Camp Meeker, including the stretch along Bohemian Highway and Dutch Bill Creek.

Sheila to do a MailChimp mailing to promote the joint FSCM/FSO education event on Sunday, May 19.

Richard to set up an email address, [info@FireSafeCampMeeker.org](mailto:info@FireSafeCampMeeker.org), for use with MailChimp mailings.

Richard to prepare copy for a “How We Can Help You” handout which Sheila will lay out and print for the pancake breakfast.

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.