

RDS Fire Safe Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023

RDS Maintenance Building

Call to Order 6:00 PM

Board Attendees

Gary, Bruce, Valerie, and Erik

Other Attendees

Glenda Dickson, Marty Soth, and Vicki Stone

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Minutes for 8/22/23 FSC meeting were approved and will be posted to the website.

Chairperson's Report

- Obtained Firewise USA® Account access
 - Completed converting RDSFSC Home Hardening & Defensible Space Checklist into a fillable PDF – distributed to Texas Hill, Camino, Fort Jim, Grizzly Flats, & Gold Ridge Fire Safe Councils
 - Completed 3 RDS Assessments
 - Mark Egbert, Resource Conservation District (RCD) clarified that funded RCD Project does not include N. Weber Canyon
 - 5 RDSFSC members attended the EDCFSC Meeting on 9/20
- **EDCFSC Monthly Meeting Highlights:**
- \$500K Cal Fire Grant received for Defensible Space Program
 - Firewise USA® yearly update due Nov 18th
 - 5101 Veg. Mgt & Def. Space Ordinance Revision to be presented at 10/24 County Supervisors Mtg – goal of Dec 1, 2023, implementation
 - Cal Fire (Megan Scheeline) reported that prescribed burns will be starting soon
 - Richard Galvin of the Office of Wildfire Preparedness & Resiliency (OWPR) reported they are adding a Firewise USA® Communities overlay on OPWR Map Tool (one way in/one way out community overlay already added)
 - Jessica Isabel (FSC Contracts) reported hazard tree cutting should begin by Oct 1
 - Post meeting training class was presented on Decks & Vents
- **Urgent Issues:**
- Requested cost data from Jessica (EDCFSC Contracts) for 95709 zip code for Firewise USA® data submittal (also need time/dollars submissions from residents completed – only 13 residents have entered data)
 - Detailed planning needed on Green Waste/Chipping Fall Event

Project Leader Reports

- Education & Outreach - Glenda

- Updated website with mission statement/About Us/meeting information (including agendas, minutes, next meeting date/time)
- Reported that our website is open to public access now
- Glenda will design flyer for the Green Waste event
- Will be updating mailroom display to include Green Waste Event flyer
- Fire rated decking materials are now available when building new decks

- Property Assessment Status/Plans (9 pending/4 complete) - Gary

- 7 RDS resident assessments are pending
- 4 RDS resident assessments have been completed (3 in September)
- 2 Outside RDS assessments are pending

- Fall Green Waste/Chipping Event

- Bruce is working with El Dorado Disposal on rental process and discounts available
- Agreed to plan event for Sat/Sun November 4/5 at Lot 7
- Work sheets for hours worked by each resident/family needs to be completed and received - work sheets to be available at event
- Need to quickly recruit volunteers to help
- Start advertising event (email blast, mailroom poster, etc.)

- Planning

- Meeting at the Mt. Danaher Fire Station on Monday 10/9 at 5:30 PM sponsored by the Camino FSC
 - Mark Egbert of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) will discuss the Highway 50 project

- Fund Raising – Valerie

- Valerie reported that we now have thank you cards for those who make monetary donations to the FSC
- Valerie & Glenda to visit with Wendy Oaks, Public Information Officer at the Mt. Danaher Fire Station for updated handout information, etc.
- Funds raised to date were transferred to Bruce for RDSFSC checking account deposit (when account is available)
- Plan to set up table at Green Waste event. Also investigating providing cookies, chips, and water
- Table will be set up at Lot #7 during the Green Waste event with a donation jar for those wishing to contribute - kitchen fire blankets will be available to order - emergency door clings for pets and Pizza Factory Gift Cards will be available for purchase

- Special Projects (Resident Survey) – Erik

- Erik reported good progress on developing the resident survey and shared draft questions with the group and will distribute to the E-board members for final comments

Roundtable Discussion (Resident's Comments)

- Marty Soth suggested having local guest speakers at our meetings on various subject matters to draw interested residents

- Marty also presented a great idea about posting critical information, such as an upcoming special event speaker or the Green Waste event on an easel outside of mailroom so everyone would see it when getting their mail – team will work to implement

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

NEXT RDSFSC Meeting will be Tuesday 10/24/23 at 6:00 PM in the RDS Maintenance Building