LRFB Public Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting held using conference call due to problems

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4:30 pm. October 19, 2023

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**Fire Board Members:**

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X John Noll - Chairperson

X Jim Schmelzle – member

X David Weeks – clerk

X Steve Vargas – member

A Lottie Herkenhoff

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1. **Member Roll Call / Quorum Established / Call Meeting To Order**

Meeting was called to order with a Quorum present @ 4:31. A quorum was attained and the meeting commenced.

1. **Call to Public** Mark Adams is present.
2. **Review Meeting Minutes**

Both David Weeks and Steve Vargas said the both the Public and Executive session minutes needed no corrections. David Weeks moved to approve both sets of minutes. Steve Vargas seconded. The Public and Executive session minutes were approved unanimously.

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**

Mark Adams discussed numerous Firewise issues. He took over his City position last June 26th, and has many years of fire suppression and fighting experience. He says that Flagstaff is actively working on fire-related issues, unlike many other communities. Mark agrees to send the Fire Board his Firewise reports from LR reviews. He is usually able to do the review within two weeks of the request. The review usually lasts about thirty minutes. Mark said that pre-build reviews are more problematic, as grant money is usually requested. Grant money is not designed to assist in removing trees related to new construction where tree removal is required by the build process; it’s designed to reduce costs for Firewise compliance on unimproved lots, existing houses and on lots where a home is under construction but away from the construction envelope. John requests that Mark provide detailed info for Firewise compliance with new builds, as that information goes to the Design Review Committee for their approval process. David comments that we may advise the lot owner to bring graphics of the proposed home. Mark also says that he is willing to revisit after the home is completed. He is also willing to make public presentations. Discussion of renewing our Firewise certification. Steve Vargas asks about more videos like the Hawaii video that Mark made available. Mark says he’s happy to do whatever he can. Discussion of fuel reduction, pine needles especially, according to Mark. Mark says that more grant money will be available in the future. He will provide John a list of people who have applied for grant money. John asks for recommendations from Mark for improving the Firewise lot review request form. Mark says he will blanket-approve any requests for tree removal, as there are too many trees…Jim asks about how to create a sense of urgency about Firewise awareness. Mark will send us a name from the Sunset Vista Estates HOA who has been successful with getting lot/homeowners aware of fire issues. Mark signs off at 5:10 PM.

Discussion of the planned fire hydrants for the new water transmission line.

Discussion of moving the web site to GoDaddy. John makes a motion to spend up to $300 to set up a new web site using GoDaddy as a provider and migrate the old web site to the new one. Jim moved to approve the motion, and David seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum**. No discussion.

1. **Adjournment** David Weeks made a motion to adjourn with a second from Jim Schmelze, which ended the meeting at 5:26 pm.
2. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be November 16, 2023 via Go To Meeting.