

FireSafe Marin Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2006

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m. by President Julin

In attendance:

Roger Archey	Balzac Communications/Firewise Napa
Pete Martin	MCFD (ret.) Fire Safe Marin
Mike Meszaros	Inverness PUD
Casey May	MMWD
Matt Carbone	Dominican Neighborhood/FSM
Scott Alber	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Kent Julin	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Lynne Osgood	Fire Safe Marin
Dick Sadler	Dominican Neighborhood
Mike Swezy	MMWD
Gary Miltimore	MCC
Paul Smith	Kentfield FPD

Approval of Agenda: M/S ?????. Motion approved.

Approval of October 13, 2006 Minutes: M/S ??????. Motion approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Matt passed out the balance sheet for the month, as well as the proposed 2007 Budget. A discussion of the 2007 budget ensued, specifically discussed was or expenses versus our income. Also, the budget does not include checks we expect to get for funding of the video.

President Julin indicated that he is not expecting NPS/WUI funds in the next year. Lynne indicated that there is \$100K in concept papers for all of next year. She also indicated that Homeland Security still owes \$13,000. We need to come up with income to make up for our budget shortfall. We need to be on top of the sponsorship and grant opportunities to raise money above or beyond the cost of our projects.

There was also a discussion of FSM sponsorship by local businesses (\$1K to \$2.5K) to help fund our projects. Kent indicated he would I ask Steve Kinsey in addition to Hal Brown for additional funding by the Board of Supervisors. M/S Matt Carbone /Scott Alber to approve the budget as amended. Motion approved.

Mike Swezy wanted to mention PG&E's efforts to clear dead oaks from around their power lines on Bolinas Ridge. They have removed a lot of vegetation from the area, up to 50-ft. on either side of their power lines. He also mentioned that

MMWD is updating their Vegetation Management Plan. MMWD will be seeking input from stakeholders, as well as FSM. The current plan is over 11 years old.

West Marin Senior Services (WMSS) Request: WMSS has requested funding to provide defensible space and SOD removal. They have identified two projects; one looks like it is the removal of flood debris. The other is on the parcel of an elderly woman. They are asking for \$3,000. Unfortunately, FSM does not have the funds to support this request.

Video Project Update: Kent indicated John Van Damme has been collecting video footage; he has been going out with him to video in a variety of different settings and is pulling it all together. He plans on wrapping up the video in February.

Presentation/Discussion: Grant Clearinghouse Workshop- the deadline for proposals is February 12.

Nominations for the 2007 Officers: Pete Martin indicated that he would take on the treasurer position if nobody volunteers. Mike Swezy withdrew his name for consideration for the President position. Paul Smith nominated Roger Sprehn for President; Kent nominated Pete for the Treasurer position. M/S Casey May/Scott Alber to accept the nominations. Motion approved.

Coordinator's Report: Lynne gave a Powerpoint presentation detailing FSM's accomplishments over the past year, as well as Kent's accomplishments during his six year tenure as President. Matt Carbone, who is giving up the Treasurer position, was presented with a MCFD T-shirt as a small token for his hard work as treasurer over the past three years. Kent was presented with a joiner tool (he won't let anyone borrow it).

Adjournment: M/S Casey May/Matt Carbone to adjourn. Motion approved.