



The mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, supporting emergency response efficiency, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation, and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire.

Minutes– January 4, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

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1) Call to Order– Please make sure your comments and discussion are appropriate to the particular agenda item that we're discussing. Anything not related to a specific agenda item should be brought up during Council Member Comments, if it's related to Council business. If it's not related to Council business, it needs to be brought up during Public Comment. Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes and there will not be any discussion or interaction following each comment. –The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Mark Almer.

2) Flag Salute– The flag salute was led by Roy Rodgers.

3) Roll Call– The attendance was taken by Chairman Mark Almer.

4) Timekeeper Volunteer– Timekeeper was David Manske.

5) Approval of the January 4, 2025 Agenda– A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the agenda. A second was made by Roy Rodgers. The motion passed unanimously.

6) Approval of the November 2, 2024 Minutes– A motion was made by Mel Kelley to approve the minutes as submitted. A second was made by David Manske. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Treasurer’s Report– Treasurer Mark Almer gave a report of the treasurer’s report. Report linked here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AB2THPwA_PasoMuBHRzqdtNkFYeSIAIwV0r8tkLQyjA/edit?usp=sharing. Mark Almer reminded everyone to deposit any reimbursement checks in a timely manner.

8) Agency Reports

- A. Pioneer Fire Protection District– PFPD Chief Dave Whitt/Fire Marshal Ken Earle– not present
- B. Report Information from Pioneer FPD meeting/GFFSC Information to be shared at PFPD Board Meeting– David Manske/Robin Kelley– David Manske reported that there was no new information to share.
- C. El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office / OES– Deputy Scott Bare/Deputy Greg Almos/Deputy Kris Kersmarki– Deputy Kris Kersmarki reported out events in the community including the Upper Room food truck has a calendar right now on Facebook, every Thursday between 3PM to 4:30PM, next to the Post Office at 4-corners and that there was a structure fire with two fatalities on New Year’s Day.
- D. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council–Ernie Lory– Ernie Lory shared notes from the November 2024 EDCFSC meeting. Notes linked here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NeRLp9ukfntSyYueFATLV_EMP_MQH9A4bGYKtIJmyv0/edit?usp=sharing
- E. California Highway Patrol– Public Information Officer Andrew Brown– not present
- F. El Dorado Resource Conservation District– Mark Egbert– not present
- G. U.S. Forest Service– Placerville Dist. Ranger Andrew Mishler– not present
- H. CALFIRE, Amador-El Dorado Unit–Battalion Chief Josh Vickers / Public Information Officer Wendy Oaks– not present

- I. Community Services District– Mel Kelley— Mel Kelley reported the status of the current work on the equipment and water sources; everything is going as planned. The board meeting will be on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

9) Neighboring Fire Safe Councils

- A. Aukum/Fairplay– not present
- B. Sand Ridge– not present
- C. Omo Ranch– - Shiela Triebull– Shiela Triebull shared information about the roadside grant work that will be starting soon. Shiela Triebull requested information about grants that provide smoke detectors to residents who cannot afford them. Mark Almer provided some examples of different sources in the community who may have grants.
 - a. South County Fire Defense Coalition - Shiela Triebull– Shiela Triebull shared that this group will be meeting on the second Tuesday of January to establish dates of meetings and events for the year.

10) Old Business

- A. Time Sheet Submittal– David Manske– Discussion/Action– Linked here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1llt-aeGXDutQ9q2GN346AvjvFZD2b9nRCxHniO_Yulw/edit?usp=sharing is the 2025 version of the GFFSC timesheet to fill out and send to David Manske.
- B. Cemetery Clean-Up, Part 2, November 16, 2024–Wrap Up– Mark Almer– Discussion– This event was canceled due to weather.
- C. CWPP Update– Ernie Lory– Ernie Lory reported the status of the grant.

11) New Business

- A.

12) Committee Reports

- A. Public Education– Mark Almer– no new updates

- B. Defensible Space– David Manske / Liz Lawless / Matt Nunley/ Robin Kelley– David Manske reported about a recent defensible space evaluation that he completed. He also shared that the two-day training Defensible Space Assessors training will be held April 16 and 17. For those who are interested in becoming a Defensible Space Assessor, David Manske requests that interested parties read the forward and the introduction of the *Property Assessment Guide 2024* in order to understand the commitment they need to make in becoming a defensible space evaluator. The guide is linked here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aa9N42kg8l7BejwoEEwnpA-l6VR1Z36x/view?usp=sharing>. Those who are interested in attending the training need to let David Manske know soon as possible. The EDCFSC requests that names of interested trainees be submitted as soon as possible in order for them to make plans. Mark Almer made note that Robin Kelley expressed to David Manske that she is currently not interested in continuing as a defensible space assessor.
- C. Grants– Ernie Lory / David Manske– Ernie Lory reported that they are currently working on two grants.
- D. Reflective Address Sign Sales– David Manske– David Manske shared that there are two requests for signs.
- E. Website– Deirdre Girardi / Kelly Krohn / Robin Kelley– none

13) Public Comment– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– none

14) Council Member Comments– Limited to 3 minutes for items not already on the agenda– Olivia Moreno requested information about the status of the GFFSC holiday tree post the holidays. Mark Almer reminded everyone that if they placed an ornament on the Holiday Tree, it needs to be removed no later than January 21.

15) Public Announcements– Matt Nunley reported out that the Title 25 House Rebuilding Program has been approved by the county and will be available to residents whose homes were destroyed in the Caldor Fire.

16) For the Good of the Order– none

17) Adjourn– David Manske motioned and Manual Lopez seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:59. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Girardi

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Secretary