

ELK SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FIRE MITIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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FIRE MITIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM
CMC Spring Valley Campus – Ascent Center Room 130

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ed Holub at 6:31 p.m.

II. Record Attendance

Members of the Fire Mitigation Committee (FMC) in attendance were Scott Fitzwilliams, Rob Fisher, Phillip Maass, Dan Cutler, and Willy Lynch (present via phone). Also in attendance was Mike Uncapher, Western Vegetation and Sam Engen, Integrated Mountain Management.

III. Review & Approve Minutes of Meeting held on April 8, 2019

Ed made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 8, 2019, Rob seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

IV. Review Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment Summary Report for Elk Springs

It was noted by Ed that this report was emailed to the Elk Springs community on October 22, 2019.

Presentation from Western Vegetation Management, Inc.

Mike Uncapher was present to discuss his ideas for the community after reviewing the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment for Elk Springs. Western Vegetation was recommended by Carbondale Fire and not only prepares a plan of action, but does the work proposed in the plan. He has helped several HOAs in the valley with their mitigation efforts. Proposed timeline to prepare a plan for the community is 3 months.

a. Review Guideline for becoming a FireWise Community

The FMC goal is to become a Firewise Community. Criteria includes obtaining a fire risk assessment, creating an action plan that prioritizes risk reduction projects, and the community must invest around \$6,700 annually (\$25 per owner) in wildfire risk reduction.

- V. Review Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program**
The FMC aims to have all pertinent information together to apply for a grant between August and October 2020. The committee believes that there are opportunities to include the BLM, Holy Cross Energy and Colorado Mountain College as partners, given their proximity to the subdivision.
- VI. Review Anchor Point proposal**
Ed informed the committee that the Board has decided not to move forward with the Anchor Point proposal.
- VII. Prepare Recommendations for Board of Directors**
Ed made a motion for the Fire Mitigation Committee to recommend to the Board that the Association should engage Western Vegetation Management to create a Fire Mitigation plan for Elk Springs HOA at no cost, Scott seconded this motion, and all were in favor.
- VIII. Other Business**
No Additional Business.
- IX. Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.