

MINUTES

Elk Springs HOA Fire Mitigation Committee Meeting
5:00 pm, September 8, 2022
Zoom Conferencing, details on page 2

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. Record attendance

A quorum was verified, committee members present were Ed Holub, Robin Van Norman, Jeanne Johnson and Tom Dunlop (proxy). Also present was Mike Uncapher, Western Vegetation Management and Sam Engen, Integrated Mountain Management.

III. Approval of prior meeting minutes

Ed moved, seconded by Jeanne, to approve the minutes from the July 6th meeting, motion carried unanimously.

IV. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Review grant related work to date:** Ed reported from Oct. 2021 to March 2022 the HOA spent a total of \$96,812.50 in fire mitigation related work. Leaving a total of \$89,037.50 remaining in the matching funds grant. The FMC will be presenting this information to the Board and asking them to authorize release of these documents to the community with a confidential seal.
- b. Review program guidelines for member-assisted chip and haul:** Ed moved, seconded by Robin, to present the Guidelines for the 2022 HOA Funded Chip and Haul project to the Board as presented, motion carried unanimously. Project is expected to start the first week of October, weather permitting.
- c. Formulate recommendations for October 2022 - March 2023 fire mitigation projects:** Projects discussed included:
 - Homeowner assisted fire mitigation (ie. chip and haul)
 - Fuel reduction and breaks along common lands
 - Focus on ingress/egress.

It was noted that there are no recommendations for mowing or removal of sage brush in areas due to potential impacts on wildlife.

Ed moved, seconded by Jeanne, to recommend to the board for approval the ladder fuel reduction work along roadsides (ingress/egress) to be completed in fall of 2022, motion carried unanimously.

Ed moved, seconded by Jeanne, to recommend to the board for approval the lop and scatter proposal which covers the same 39 acres completed in 2021/2022 with the goal of making them wider, motion carried unanimously.

Ed moved, seconded by Robin, to seek approval from the board to commit up to \$150,000 to match any monies received through the 2022 Forest Restoration and Wildfire Mitigation Grant, motion carried unanimously.

V. Question and Answer with Kamie Long of the Colorado State Forest Service

(6:00 p.m. start time): Kamie informed the members in attendance that after her recent site visit, she can see that the Association has made progress and are doing things right when it comes to fire mitigation. She mentioned the trees within the subdivisions are still in poor condition due to drought related stress. Kamie shared the following broad goals for the FMC to consider, as the Association is not trying to stop a fire, but rather slow one down before it reaches the community:

- Structure Protection
- Ingress/Egress
- Fuel breaks to lessen fire intensity

VI. Additional Business

VII. Open Forum

It was asked if IMM could send the draft minutes from the prior meeting with notices in the future. It was also noted to include a discussion on Fire Mitigation and Education at the Annual Member Meeting in November.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.