

## **AGENDA**

### **Elk Springs HOA Fire Mitigation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**5:30 pm, March 15, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

#### **Record attendance**

A quorum was verified, committee members in attendance were Ed Holub, Rob Fisher, Tom Dunlop, and Jeanne Johnson. Community members present were Greg Boecker, Phillip Maas, Amanda Poindexter, and Lavern Shultz.

Also in attendance was Sam Engen, IMM and guest speakers Bill Gavette, Carbondale Fire, and Mike Uncapher, Wester Vegetation Management.

#### **Appoint Chair**

Jeanne motioned to appoint Ed Holub as chair of the Fire Mitigation Committee. Rob seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

#### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Ed motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Feb. 2020. Rob seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

#### **2021 Events:**

A Spring fire safety meeting will be held sometime in May at the mailboxes, date TBD. A notice will go out to the community with details. Jeanne volunteered to assist with the online application to keep the community's current FireWise status active. The committee will work to keep educational information up to date on the Elk Springs HOA website.

#### **2021 Fire Mitigation projects:**

The idea of a vacant lot maintenance policy was discussed. It is recommended that owners notify the ARC of any fire mitigation work on their property. Amanda has been working with the Town of Basalt on Fire Mitigation and will share information they have on FireWise Construction recommendations. Bill and Mike recommended that the best action for vacant lot owners is to remove dead and down trees and branches. Owners are encouraged to contact Carbondale Fire to have a fire mitigation assessment of their property done. Mike believes that with the ongoing drought conditions we will see an increase in plant mortality, and everyone should consider taking a more aggressive approach to mitigation. The FMC will look into removing dead and diseased trees on Pinon Point/Drive and will work with Mike to get a proposal on this.

**Fireboxes:**

A map of the fire box locations can be found on the Elk Springs HOA Website. Bill will let IMM know when the last fire box inspection was performed and schedule this year's inspection.

**Additional Business**

Grant options are available, and the FMC will be reaching out to see what options there are for the community and individual owners. The idea of a community wide fire mitigation event was discussed. Details still need to be worked out. Ed will reach out to Mike to see what it will cost to chip and haul branches for a community event.

**Open Forum**

It was suggested:

- That a mailing goes out to the community with a map of the fire exits.
- Additional signs get added indicating where the fire exits are (intersection of Elk Springs Drive). IMM will see what signs we have in storage.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made, and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.