

MITIGATION COMMITTEE

January 20, 2022

Meeting Opened	The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. at the home of Steve Campbell.
Those Present	Steve Campbell, Phil Mayor, Tim Pargee, Bruce Short, Alex Graf and Roy Wilkinson. Stephanie Morton and Russ Siracuse joined the meeting via Zoom.
Input on 2021 Mitigation Efforts	<p>Steve requested comments, suggestions on the fire mitigation efforts in 2021. The Committee felt that the work accomplished was pretty good to great. Bruce committed on the slash burn. There was quite a bit of “green” slash. He would like to see a 50/50 percentage with green and dead. The large stump material burned for 2-3 days.</p> <p>A discussion ensued concerning the number of slash piles and their contents. It was decided that a pile of usable, large pieces of wood would be piled up in a place where the Native Americans could access it.</p>
Education	<p>Steve and Roy will work on this aspect of the Mitigation Committee. While there is good information on the website, there is more that can be done. Considering the recent Marshall Fire, it’s important to remind home and lot owners to check their insurance policies for fire and loss clauses and update them if need be.</p> <p>Burning guidelines need to be emphasized since this time of year is when property owners may elect to burn slash piles on their own property. The Committee members are willing to meet with individual property owners to share safe burning guidelines. It was also brought up the Board Meetings could include short presentations by fire safety experts on insurance, defensive space zones, and safe burning.</p> <p>Bruce shared a map that listed the 2 fire evacuation routes, the fire safe zone, and the water hydrants for the CMR subdivision. This map will be made available on the Community Bulletin Board and the website.</p> <p><u>Fire Drill</u></p> <p>A fire drill was scheduled in 2020 but was unable to take place because of Covid-19. The Committee would like to re-schedule this event for the 1st Saturday in May (May 7) which is Community Wildfire Awareness Day. Alex Graf mentioned that there may be a grant available for this event. The Committee is looking into scheduling this fire drill.</p>
Volunteer Projects	<p>The Committee will continue to schedule and use volunteer workdays to help neighbors with fire mitigation on their property. The relationship between the property owners and the Native American crews will be polished. There were 5 different Native American crews in 2021. Tim Pargee will work with the Native American crews and tree removal.</p> <p>Discussion ensued around designating slash piles and how to transport the slash to the slash destination (i.e., using grapplers and trailers/trucks).</p>
Evacuation Routes	Besides Road 35, there are only 2 evacuation routes currently. One feeds into Road

35 from J.9 and the other feeds from Road 35 to J.7 then to Road 34. Steve has been in contact with Paul Ruatti and they will walk/ride the evacuation route off Road J.9 when the road is dryer. There may be pre-work that needs to be done and property owners will be contacted. The evacuation route of J.7 has been driven and is in pretty good condition.

All the law enforcement and fire officials have indicated that if there were a fire emergency, Road 35 (especially on the hill) will be a bottleneck. Steve has driven the "hill" with Bruce Short, Jim Spratlen, and Steve Nowlin. All agree that there are some trees that need to come down along the roadway to ensure safety from falling trees onto Road 35, thus blocking all traffic. Steve has talked to some of the property owners already concerning this issue. Only a few trees will be cut down to ensure that erosion on the hill will not occur.

The Committee will continue to work with City, County, and State officials and others to identify possible evacuation routes.

Grants

Bruce Short, Alex Graf, Julie Norton, and Judy Wilkinson will comprise a grant identification and writing sub-committee.

There is currently grant money available for WAP grants for individual property owners. Alex explained how the fire mitigation grants can be accessed.

A site visit is conducted to determine the scope of the work.

When the scope of work is approved, it will be written up.

The property owner will then get a bid from a contractor(s).

A contract will be signed, and the work done.

The property owner will pay the contractor the full amount.

In approximately 4-6 weeks, the property owner will be reimbursed 45% of the amount paid.

There are also Community grants available that will reimburse the Community 50% of the contractor's cost.

Alex is available to do defensible space site visits and inspections upon request.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nan Campbell