



Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by Chuck Carroll on June 16, 2009 at 1900 hours local time, at 6000 Cedar, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Roll Call: The following WFSC Board Of Directors were present: John Aziz, John Bauer, Chuck Carroll, Robert Comperini, Bob Fino, Joyce Harrison. Absent was: Al Morrissette, Hank Hallmark, Vince Pulsipher, Miles Wagner. Kathy Smith arrived at 7:17pm, after the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The following WFSC community members were present: Cynthia Biehl, Karin Core, Dee Potter, Ed Ross, Jack Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: Bob Blount (USDA FS), Paul Camarena (CALFIRE), Julie Crick (Forest Care), Chris Danyow (SB County Hazardous Tree), Rod Delgado (CALFIRE), Darrayl Felgar (SB County Fire – 101), John Lane (USDA FS), Richard Logan (CALFIRE – Fenner), Leann Ortmann (Forest Care), Steve Turner (SB County Fire – 101), Jon Wight (CALFIRE).

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Bob Fino.

Review of previous month's minutes: The minutes of the May 2009 meeting were approved as written, after corrections were made during previous review by the board. Motion to approve made by Joyce Harrison. Motion seconded by John Aziz. Motion passed 6/0.

Public Comments And Questions:

John Aziz: Signage along part of the newly reopened SR-2 will be installed, warning drivers about Big Horn Sheep in the area.

Ed Ross: Announced upcoming CERT training to be held.

Dee Potter: Praised CALFIRE/Fenner work crews who have been clearing portions of SR-2.

Cooperative Partner & Agency Updates:

Angeles National Forest (John Lane): Pile burning to resume. 7 lightning fires during this last week's storm. Mastication will continue this fall. Bob Blount was present, and introduced himself.

San Bernardino National Forest (Report from Lauren Blake read by John Aziz): Boundary Ridge gates meetings were held between ANF and SBNF to discuss implementation. Lauren reports 24 lightning related fires during recent storms. Pile burning has not been taking place due to weather.

Forest Care Program (Julie Crick): Described the Forest Care program, and what they offer. Julie brought some pamphlets that will be sent to residents, outlining the program. Julie introduced Leann Ortmann.

Cal Fire: John Wight: Lone Pine Canyon Fuel reduction approval was granted, but there are easement issues, that prevent clearing to extend beyond the immediate area of the pavement.
Glenn Barley: Tree removal crews have been in Wrightwood, removing dying or dead trees, mainly in the business district. They will continue for the next few weeks. Kathy Smith asked if CALFIRE has any way to obtain plants for our permanent fire safe garden. While they do have some trees, they don't have any smaller plants.

LA County Agricultural Commission: John Aziz read a report from David Brackin indicating that they held back on property inspections due to weather. Inspections will continue within a week.

LA County Fire: No report

SB County Code Enforcement: No report

SB County Fire (Darrayl Felgar): Phelan station still under construction, and will be open by July 2009. They are seeing more structure fires, mainly in the Phelan area. Wrightwood area had a few "warming fires" calls recently. The station is responding to more calls (average of 3 per weekend) along the newly opened stretch of SR-2. Most of these, are motorcycle accidents.

SB County Hazardous Tree Removal (Chris Danyow): SR-2 clearing project not completed yet. They received 3 million in stimulus money. They will visit Wrightwood in the near future, to address dying/dead trees that need to be removed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$14,481.98, and an ending balance of \$6,369.82. Expenditures include Wildfire/Disaster Awareness Day expenses and the purchase of the PA system.

Old Business: None

New Business: Joyce Harrison made a motion that the Fire Safe Council spend \$100 to place an advertisement in the next Art Tour Guide. Motion seconded by Bob Fino. Motion passed 7/0.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1957 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on July 21, 2009.

Minutes submitted by:

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council