

Minutes for Fire Safe Council Meeting Nov 1 2011

Attendees: Sonja Powell (OCFA), Rick Nelson, Fred Brooks, Jess Given, Adam Guss, Kim Leason, Janet Clenshaw, Bill Bangert, Ed and Danielle Garr, Bobbie Tier, Ken Robertson, Jeff Martin (co-chair), Dennis Fischel (co-chair)

Location: OCFA Headquarters

Agenda

- Introductions
- Council Mission Discussion
- Defining our Project Area
- Project Discussion
 - o Community Education
 - o Review of Brainstorming session
- Meeting Frequency and Designation

Discussion:

- Everyone introduced themselves to kick off the meeting. During this time many folks remarked on their concerns and reasons for joining the council.
- Jeff and Dennis gave an overview of the rationale to start this group, and the mission as outlined in the Fire Safe Council which is focused on mobilizing our neighborhood to make our homes and area safe from fire.
- Jeff made the group aware of the non-profit California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) group that helps neighborhood groups like ours. Jeff will fill in the paperwork asked by CFSC to be recognized by them, so they can assist our efforts.
- The group agreed that a special focus on the Cowan Heights/Lemon Heights area to be our specific project area. This is also the area that the OCFA has determined most at danger of wild fire, especially those house close to the Peter Canyon park.
- The group discussed the idea that the first priority for the group would be to make our neighbors aware of the susceptibility of our area for wildfire and the existence of our Fire Safe Council.
 - o For this the group discussed the benefits of going door to door.
 - o One idea would be to ask to be accompanied by a OCFA officer to do a quick home hardening assessment, to give people an idea what types of actions they can take to make their house safer from wildfire
 - o More detailed planning for this will be done at the next meeting in Dec.

- The group discussed various other activities that the group could help spearhead including sponsoring 'home hardening' workshops, neighborhood wide vegetation clearing days, and others.

Action Items

Jeff Martin will send in the documentation to the CFSC needed for recognition from that group

Next Meeting: Tues, Dec 6, 7pm at the OCFA HQ