

VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE
Wildfire Protection Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday September 22nd at 1:00PM at Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Rick Sprott called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was called by Chairperson Rick Sprott

III. Roll Call

Voting committee members: Present- Mark Rivera, David Hartson, Mike Clemmons, and Rick Sprott. Absent: Scott Jones, Dan Rakes, and John Goodson.

Non-voting members present: Andy Bertges, Arnie Friedt, and Burl Smith. Excused: Jay Mitchell.

Council Liaison: Brinn Colenda.

A Quorum of Voting Members was present.

Public attendees: Don Clark, Susan Clark, and Judy Dickmann.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Clemmons asked if Bertges would be providing an update on the ISO system today as indicated in the minutes of the August 11 meeting. Sprott indicated that the update would be in the near future but not today. Bertges said the ISO rating review would occur in November. Rivera moved to approve agenda, Hartson seconded, passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Rivera moved to approve minutes, Hartson seconded, passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. Council Action at September 9 Meeting. Colenda summarized motion and action.

1. Research - E&O

a) Rotary Club presentation is scheduled for October 15 at Holy Smoke BBQ.

b) Open House. Sprott provided overview of topics and ideas. A key addition would be a visit by Dick Cooke, Head of Ruidoso Forestry Department. He would spend about 2 days in Village to learn our situation, provide recommendations, and do education. Committee discussed the need to define the objective for this Open House. Clemmons recommended that we consider delaying the Open House.

2. Council Work Sessions – Policy Objective Priorities. This would be done in a Council work session to define priority of resources for protection and level of protection.

3. New proposed Wildfire Protection Plan and Ordinance(s). Begin with a “structure” for both. Program contains all elements and maybe new items not in current CWPP. Most urgent need in the plan is probably effective evacuation notification and procedures. Ordinance is just one element of plan. Ordinance standards effective only after capability demonstrated to collect and dispose of expected volume of slash.

VII. New Business

A. Member “assignments” for actions:

1. Wildfire Protection Program Policy Objectives – Colenda and Sprott

2. Wildfire Protection Program (Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update) – Bertges, Jones, Rivera, and Sprott
 3. Major Ordinance Structure – Rivera and Clemmons
- Each group will present preliminary ideas at next meeting.

VIII. Questions from Audience Members

Don Clark: Need to solve the slash problem first. Recommend use of AAFPO or other email list as additional emergency notification tool. Encourage property owners to control slash along streets in Village right of ways to create fuel breaks to aid in evacuation and protection.

Susan Clark: Committee should reconsider the current schedule to revise the ordinance since most of the process will occur when many property owners are not in town. Finalizing it before early summer will have the effect of “surprising” people; that was a problem during the most recent proposal. Ordinances normally include only “requirements” so it might not be appropriate to include “recommendations.”

IX: Adjournment:

Rivera moved to adjourn, Hartson seconds, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 2.48 PM.

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 6th day of October 2014.

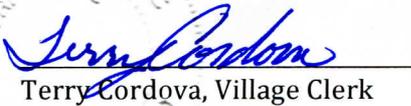


Transcribed by Rick Sprott in Scott Jones' absence



Rick Sprott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Terry Cordova, Village Clerk

