

**Prescott Area  
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission  
Minutes  
April 3, 2014**

**Participants:** Loren Bykerk, Tim McFarland, Carol Hayden, Everett Warnock, Darrell Anderson, Marty Zythowski, Ben Roche', Ronnie Gamble, Eddy Gordon, Mark Timber, Ted Ralston, Jason Clawson, Hugh Valley, Jeanne Seely, Jan Seely, Darrell Willis, Yvonne Brendecke, Cindi Miner, Bob Celaya, Norman Dodd, Sylvia Dodd, Mary Ann Clark, Lou Burrell, Paul Mazode, George Sheets, Larry Fagan, R.J. Dick Tetreault, Roger Swenson, Ann Atkinson, Jim Buchannan, Cynthia Gentle, Andie Smith, Betty Higgins, Ben Tuttle, Bruce Carr, Martin Tremacy, Ted Everett, Justin Pettycrew, Al West, Chuck Wilson, Kathie Rieder, Art Cordell, Alice Cordell, Ginny Shugars, Neil Cooperrider, Jerry Borgelt, John Alden, Lois Hoskinson, Shirley Howell, Denny Foulk, Gary Roysdon, Shelly Holland, Jim Buchannan, Rick Chase, Jeff Schalau, Patrick Rappold, Russ Shumate, Jim Gilsdorf

**Recorder:** Seleatha Mendibles

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

**3. Financial Report**

• **Treasurer's Report- Shirley Howell**

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| March 1, 2014 Starting Checkbook Balance | \$ | 19,030.45 |
| Credits/Deposits                         | \$ | 57,177.04 |
| Debits/Expenses                          | \$ | 13,199.80 |
| Pending Expenses                         | \$ | 42,848.43 |
| Actual Checkbook Balance                 | \$ | 20,159.26 |

**4. Agency Activity Reports**

**PFD-** Two new constructions and 23 homeowner requests were completed. Total acres assessed 19.02 and 5.85 acres were treated. 55 chip jobs for a total of 38.89 acres were completed. Approximately 1 acre was completed at Acker Park. A presentation for Granite Mountain Questers had 15 people in attendance. Six seasonal positions are being hired. The free slash drop off program is available at the Prescott Transfer Station every Saturday through June.

**CYFD-** Providing some property assessments. The 50/50 grant is maxed out, working with Shirley to compete for a 90/10 grant. Coordinating training with PFD and Chino fire.

**ASFD-** Crews are training for the upcoming season. Starting a brush removal project in Crown King.

**PNF-** Seasonal workers are on and in training and will be available by next week. The engines and lookouts will be starting next week. A cut and chip project in the Walker area is about 75% complete.

**ASFD, Forest Health-** Took a field trip with the Prescott Native Plants society, noticed a great deal of caterpillar activity. Not a lot of beetle activity at this time.

**Emergency Management**-It's important to continue to create defensible space now before fire season starts. Conditions are extremely dry, awareness and preparedness is essential. Denny is available to present at Firewise days and other similar events. Chiefs Willis and Rick Chase will be recording radio spots with KYCA to get defensible space and fire season preparation information to the community.

#### 5. Task Force Reports-

- **Jeff Schalau U of A/Yavapai County Cooperative Extension**  
Still working without grant funding for a community educator, but continues to work with the community regarding defensible space. Working with Yarnell and the Highland Center on various presentations. The Sedona FD is very enthusiastic about building a commission like PAWUIC in their community.
- **Tony Sciacca – Wildfire Academy-** Not present
- **Sundown Ranch AWIMA Presentation- Jim Buchannan/ Ann Atkinson**  
Jim and Ann provided brochures about the Arizona Wildfire and Incident Management Academy (AWIMA) scholarship for wildland firefighter training. Their goal is to bring awareness to the scholarship program. The community was motivated to give back after the Doce fire and \$14,000 has been raised for scholarships. Ted Ralston won a print called "Answering the Call" created by Prescott artist Steve Atkinson. The original sold for \$6,000 with all proceeds going to AWIMA. Additional posters are available to purchase at [www.AWIMAscholarship.org](http://www.AWIMAscholarship.org)

#### 6. Old Business

- **Submission Updates- Shirley Howell**  
Submissions (1/1-3/21) for the SFA 11 101 and SFA 12 102 grants are being review by AZ State Forestry. Last week's submissions are pending approval of the previous submissions. For additional questions regarding grants, contact Shirley or Lois.
- **Earth Day/ PAWUIC- Jerry Borgelt**  
In lieu of the Wildfire EXPO, PAWUIC is partnering with those planning Earth Day festivities on 4/12. The event will be at the courthouse square and a sponsor has covered the cost to close a portion of Cortez St. for PAWUIC to utilize. Volunteers are needed for the afternoon and tear down. Set up will begin at 0830. Today, commission members agreed to provide tables, chairs, sand bags and coffee/snacks for set up. Jerry provided flyers to post in communities.

#### 7. New Business

- **Wood chips- Gary Roysdon**  
Gary received a lead from AZ State Forestry regarding a company in Phoenix in dire need of wood chips. Samples of chips from the area were sent for evaluation. This partnership could be positive for all involved.
- **WFHF 90/10 new grant application- Shirley Howell**  
This grant is geared toward communities that border BLM or FS land, but location is not a requirement. Individual communities can apply but it is best to combine. PAWUIC and CYFD are applying. The grant is also open to communities who have recently applied to become Firewise. The deadline to apply is 4/18. Please contact Shirley with questions.
- **Firewise communities- updates, activities**



**Rancho Vista Hills**-CYFD surveyed the subdivision. There are at least 25 properties in need of clearing. Letters were mailed; of the 10-12 responses received, only one was negative. There are already two properties working on clearing.

**Highland Pines**-The first of four chipper days begin this weekend.

**Hidden Valley**-Drive by assessments begins the week of 4/13. PFD marked trees with snags and overhangs, community members have already cut them back.

**Manzanita Village**-Fourth annual Firewise day is scheduled for 5/3. A work party is scheduled in the morning and Bob Celaya is speaking in the afternoon. The community is mostly focused on maintenance.

**Ponderosa Park**-Firewise and dumpster day is scheduled for 5/3. Station 56 is also having an open house.

**Vista Del Cero**-Firewise application was turned in, awaiting approval. A great deal of mitigation work has already been completed. On 3/9 was a combined HOA meeting and Firewise day with a speaker from Emergency Management presenting to the community.

**Yavapai Hills**-83 residents participated in the recent spring chipper day.

**Foothills**-They are inside the city limits, continuing education of the residents and encouraging them to utilize the 90/10 grant money for mitigation work.

- **Other**

Web page- Web page is still in process, currently moving to a new web provider. Will still be PAWUIC.org. Contact Mary Ann Clark with questions or to provide information and/or photos for the web page or the Facebook page.

AZ State Forestry Tour- A tour was scheduled on short notice, but there were several communities willing to participate. Acker Park was also toured. Thanks to all the communities that participated as there was great response from AZ State Forestry.

**8. Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

**Note:** Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday- May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.