

**FBM Board Meeting Draft Minutes  
December 01, 2021 (4:00 – 5:30 pm)  
Hosted by Ed Sylvester 1152 Northview Drive**

**Attendees:** Ed Sylvester Chip Wilder, Susan Sanders, Jeff Peach, Andrew Wilkinson, Ann Westling, and Susan Luhman

**Apologies:** Chuck Staetz and Diana Abrell

**Ed called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

Ed presented Jeff Peach with a plaque announcing he was designated as the FBM Volunteer of the Year. Jeff received this award due to his involvement with:

- The FBM Firewise committee;
- Maintaining the FBM website;
- Responding to members' inquiries; and
- Overseeing the FMB membership data.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Ed Sylvester called for a motion to approve the September minutes. Chip made the motion to accept the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded by Susan Sanders and all approved.

### **Treasury Report**

Chip presented a copy of the treasurer's report.

The organization has \$5,008.31 in its checking account; there is \$5,630.21 in savings.

Expenses for this quarter were related to membership renewal (printing, envelopes, and stamps) plus the liability insurance for the organization.

Susan Luhman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Ann and approved by all.

## **Review of Recent Telecom Legislation**

Andrew reported that The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued new measures applicable to facilities-based wireline telecommunications. One of these measures is to require providers to ensure access to vital communications during natural disasters and electric grid outages. One of the requirements is to provide internet and communications for at least 72 hours after a power outage.

Andrew will write an article outlining more of the CPUC recommendations and required changes.

## **Last Year's Successes**

The Board adapted to the pandemic by continuing regular meetings via ZOOM.

By various means, the organization was able to increase membership numbers.

Increased information of neighborhood team support for fire issues. Ann has done much to improve connectivity among neighborhoods for better fire season preparedness.

## **Ways to Improve Service to Members**

The board discussed improving membership benefits by:

- Publishing a quarterly newsletter. Discussion followed regarding what kinds of information would be pertinent to members. Susan Sanders suggested Diana would be a good newsletter editor. The whole board would assist.
- Providing more Firewise information. Ed and Ann worked with KNCO to encourage more fire information. They plan to meet with the county supervisors after the first of the year.
- Enhancing the FBM website. Jeff and Andrew will explore a new web platform.

## **Banner Mountain Firewise Community Boundary Adjustments**

In the fall of 2021 FBM was informed there were too many parcels/residences within the Banner Mountain Firewise Community (BMFWC) for optimal operation. Currently there are over 2700 parcels and the number would need to be reduced below 2500 based on NFPA guidelines. The map with a reduced number of parcels needs to be completed by 2023 to maintain our Firewise community status. Jeff and Ann are collaborating to see what adjustments can be made.

Ed adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm.