

Fire Adapted Bailey

2024 First Quarter Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:30 pm

Home of Robin Davis

Attendees:

In person: Robin Davis, Lucy Bauer, Shelby Edwards, Steve Woloski

On Zoom: Bill Beggs, Doug Compton

Absent: Luke Bagwell, Monte Poague, Trice Gonznagel, John Spuhrer

Call to order :7.45pm (-ish)

Old Business:

Minutes 12/18/2023 - approved

Treasurer's Report (see below report from Robin) - approved

FAB will need to fund-raise again soon.

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| Checkbook balance 12/31/23 | \$7,581.22 | | |
| Opening Balance | \$7,581.22 | | |
| Income | | | |
| Individual donations | \$0.00 | | |
| Corporate donations | \$0.00 | | |
| Events/Fundraising | \$0.00 | | |
| Dues Paid | \$0.00 | | |
| Grants | \$0.00 | | |
| Total Income | \$0.00 | | |
| Expenses | | | |
| Programmic Activities | \$0.00 | | |
| Overhead | \$530.00 | D&O Insurance - \$380 | |
| Fees | \$2.00 | PCACC Dues - \$100 | |
| Grants | \$0.00 | IRS Filing - \$50 | |
| | | Bank Fee | |
| Total Expenses | \$532.00 | | |

| FAB CF Account Balance Sheet January 2024 | | | |
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| Ending Balance | \$45,229.06 | | |
| as of 1/31/24 | | | |

New Business:

Team Rubicon 2024

- **Dates:** 5-17 June 2024
- **Accommodation:** at Platte Canyon HS/MS already arranged
- **Properties for mitigation:** need identifying and waivers sent out

PCFD Fuels Reduction

See notes from Shelby (below)

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- Evacuation Route Mitigation Update
 - Strategy of project has been evolving to align what is realistic versus expectations
 - Simply thinning the first 15' along all the roads we've identified has not only continued to be incredibly difficult to the point of operational standstill; it really will not be an effective treatment in itself.
 - I do still hope to accomplish this phase to some degree at some point
 - Instead, I've shifted focus to completing bigger treatments on adjacent private property that are willing to participate
 - Can confidently say the result of treatment will make a major difference in road survivability
 - Still aligned with the major identified roadways during initial project planning
 - 20 acres completed by contractor in 2023 (CR 72)
 - 67 additional acres on the books for 2024 (CR 43, Shelton)
 - \$300,000 CoSWAP funds + FAB \$45,000
- PCFD working on Defensible Space project utilizing Coswap money, still some limited space to sign up. HOA leaders rally neighbors, do ground work for us? Adjacent properties
- Curbside chipping program is active, call PCFD Station 2, email pcfid info or call wildland cell 303-746-2503 to sign up (need for info flyer to distribute?)
- Complimentary HIZ assessments by PCFD / home hardening
- Willing to schedule additional chainsaw workshop 2024
- Slash pile burning working group to improve process?
- Background on neighborhood ambassadors?
- Living Wildfire Ready campaign through state
- Smoke Ready Colorado – FACO
- ~1000 acres prescribed fire planned for fall 2024, Harris Park and Payne Gulch area
 - What can FAB do to help prepare community

Additionally:

- **Mastication:** PCPD now has a CASE masticator and skid steer available for slash processing on properties as well/instead of chipping. Sign up at 303-746-2503.
- **Properties to be mitigated:** FAB is needed to help locate property clusters for fuels mitigation using above grant monies.
- **Slash Pile working group** - Shelby and Lucy will continue with this, to improve website layout and process
- **Field trips** to sites where fuels reduction has been implemented and where it is proposed - to get the community better informed and on board with the need for mitigation.

- **Live Wildfire Ready** - These materials will be available through PCFD to complement those from Rotary Wildfire Ready.
- **Neighborhood Ambassador Program** - using materials and training from FACO, may be adopted by PCFPD. Could replace the need for Firewise Sites eventually, for a more district-wide cohesive program.
- **Interns from CSU** - 2 will be working with PCFD to help develop and instigate wildfire preparedness projects using existing grant money.

Short Term Rental

Nothing new to report. Lucy and Trice will continue investigating this

Pond Project

Phase 2 of the project will require Wheeler engineers to reinspect ponds, draw up technical diagrams and get quotes from contractors. Phase 3 will require \$1 million in funds for the 8 ponds around Bailey area, and help (from Robin) with ponds west of Kenosha Pass. FAB will need to drive the project to completion for insurance reasons.

DFPC Grant

Government funding for home-hardening work. Deadline for applications is April 14, 2024.

Firewise Community Updates

Elk Creek Highlands (Luke): No report

Woodside (Monte): is resigning as Woodside's rep on board and will try and locate a replacement. He will continue to disseminate FAB announcements to residents meanwhile. May have work for Team Rubicon this June

KZ Ranch (Steve): Will do more cutting on BLM this season. Have 2 people interested in involvement with FAB

DCVR (Robin): Nothing new to report

Burland (Bill): Will be identifying properties suitable for PCFD and Team Rubicon to work on this season.

Bailey Estates (Lucy): Burned slash piles from 2023. Meeting on 19 April. Alternate evacuation route top priority.

Mill Iron D (Trice): No report

Remaining Quarterly Meetings in 2024

To be held at the Crow Hill Firehouse on 2nd Tuesday of the following months at 7pm:

2nd Quarter: **May 14**

3rd Quarter: **August 13**

4th Quarter: **November 12**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm (-ish)

Minutes submitted by Lucy Bauer, Secretary