

WILDFIRE SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA

November 17, 2021 11:00AM to 1:00PM Zoom

This Wildfire Safety Commission (WSC) meeting will be held electronically. Public forum testimony must be submitted in writing by 10AM the day before the scheduled meeting. Staff will compile all written testimony into one document, sending it to Commission members and posting it on the agenda the day before the meeting. Written testimony will also be included in the minutes.

Members of the public are welcome to listen or view the Wildfire Safety Commission meeting live.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. A) WSC VOTE regarding possible (non-voting) participation by previously interviewed applicants.

B) Guest admittance and introductions by Chair

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. PUBLIC AND GUEST FORUM

A. Guest List:

V. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

VI. CITY COUNCIL CHECK-IN with Tonya. Possible Topics, Work-In-Progress:

1. Sen. Golden staff regarding wildfire resources (likely in reference to FEMA's 25% match rule)
2. Cell tower backup power discussion
3. USDA regarding Climate related zero interest loan application > Council (~similar home hardening loans)
4. Citizen engagement in budget process — will affect wildfire related and AF&R funding
5. Wastewater treatment Medford move proposal: Council actions

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Working Group List

1. Nursery/Landscaper Education (Charisse, Brian)
2. Nuisance Ordinance Expansion: WSC's work on this is done; now up to lawyers, Council
3. Wildfire Risk Assessment Program (Kent, Charisse)[*awaits In-service discussion*]- Fire-Safe Business License Program for Landscapers, Contractors
4. Electric Utility Risk Assessment (Steve, Brian) (*WIP: Chris reachout to Christina Krüger*)
5. Firewise Garden Tour (Charisse, Dan)

B. Farmer's Market (Doug)

C. Evacuation Planning (Homeland Security Grant)

1. Zonehaven – (Chris)

D. Real Estate Engagement Program (Brian, Stephen)

E. FEMA PDM GRANT update (Brian)

1. Funding assistance re FEMA prepay and 25% match requirements

F. Drone update – Chris

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cell Towers: backup power investigations (John, Doug)
2. Steve Asher: Any new developments regarding his work?

IX. REPORTS AS TIME ALLOWS

- A. 2021 Wildfire update (Chris)
- B. Chamber Wildfire Task Force (Chris)

X. Today's and December's MEETING SCHEDULE:

- A. **December 15:** Regular WSC meeting *11:00 am -1:00 pm*
- B. **TODAY:** In-Service 2:00-6:00 PM
- C. **If our 11-1 meeting is ready to wrap early**

1. *Do we want to get a head start on Inservice now, working till 1 PM?*

2. Inservice Agenda:

- a) *Review working group list, status of each vs need in next 12 months, culling as needed.*
- b) *Brainstorm potential new working group topics incl. AF&R workload considerations*

1) Saved topic possibilities from past discussion:

- a) *"FireWise Plus" and other aspects of improving/expanding program while making it more self-sufficient and requiring significantly less staff oversight*
- b) *Disaster Registry Working Group (John)*
- c) *Loan program for low income FEMA grant recipients*

c) *Finalize new working group list, determine who's on what, and then prioritize them.*

XI. ADJOURN until 2 PM