

## WILDFIRE SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA

January 19, 2022 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. 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. AMC9.04 amendment –Council First Reading will be Feb. 1st
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

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Working Groups with Monthly Check-ins

1. **Fire-Adapted: Nursery/Landscaper Education** (Charisse, Doug)
2. **Wildfire Risk Assessment Program** (Kent, Charisse, Dan, Brian)
3. **Neighborhood Engagement** (Rachel, Sarah, Stephen, Brian)
4. **Fire Adapted Ashland Tours** (Charisse, Dan)

#### B. Evacuation Planning – (Chris)

#### C. FEMA PDM GRANT update (Brian)

1. Update on progress status and WRAP cooperation.
2. Ongoing discussion: Funding assistance re: FEMA prepay and 25% match requirements (See Tonya's section above for any updates)

#### D. Pacific Power: Update regarding open questions to Christina Krüger (Chris)

#### E. Interra/WiRe Data - check-in (BH)

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cell Towers: backup power investigations (Brian, John, Doug) *pursue information from Private Carriers about emergency plans and available resources (i.e. portable towers/trucks) in case of catastrophes (such as Alameda).*
2. Working group for Annual Report to Council — (John, Stephen)
3. Working group for Sneak Preview WRAP article discussion/approval.
4. Update: Mayor Aikens reports 2 new WSC member applications receive Council vote @ next meeting.
6. Reminder: Working Groups to provide summaries work (1 paragraph or so) of their to the REPORT WG by May 1<sup>st</sup>, for May Meeting draft review of Annual Report to Council; final vote of approval in June

### IX. REPORTS AS TIME ALLOWS

A. B. Chamber of Commerce Smoke and Fire Prevention Task Force. (Chris)

**X. Next Month's meeting schedule:**

A. **February 16, 2022** — Regular WSC meeting *11:00 am -1:00 pm*

**XI. ADJOURN**

## WORKING GROUPS LISTING

### ACTIVE Check-in:

1. **Fire-Adapted: Nursery/Landscaper Education** (CS, RG, DK) [**Renamed**]
2. **Wildfire Risk Assessment Program** (KR, CS, DD, BH)
3. **Wildfire Risk Reduction Program** (CS, JS, KR, CC, BH) [**NEW**]
  - a) Underserved Populations
4. **Neighborhood Engagement** (RG, SG, BH) [**NEW**]
  - a) Engaging existing HOA's and FWUSA groups
  - b) Expanding engagement to 'unorganized' or 'underserved' neighborhoods.  
*Utilize Community Risk Data to target neighborhoods*
5. **Fire Adapted Ashland Tours** (CS, DD) [**Renamed**]

### SEASONAL Check-in:

6. **Spring Wildfire Safety & Preparedness Campaign** (JS, SG, DK, BH)

### INTERMITTENT Check-in:

7. **Nuisance Ordinance Expansion** (DD, CS, BH) [*pending legal review*]
8. **CWPP** (CS, KR)
  - a) CS/KR will report when updates or drafts are ready to review.
9. **Electric Utility Risk Management Concerns** [*i.e. Pacific Power - power line management*] (SG) – [*awaiting responses*]
10. **Wildfire Evacuation Issues** (JS, SG, KR)
11. **Real Estate Engagement Program** (SG, BH)
  - a) Develop Metrics for effectiveness
12. **Curbside Community Risk Assessment Data Management**
  - a) **As WSC Working Group:** Discussions around how data is shared with public and related topics (DD, CS, KR, BH)
  - b) **Staff Project** – 3-4 months out (March/April '22) for staff to problem solve mechanics of score sharing/updating.

<a href="#">2.26.010</a>	<a href="#">Purpose</a>
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## 2.26.010 Purpose

The Ashland Wildfire Safety Commission shall provide advice and support to the Council and City departments and education to the community on wildfire issues and plans for mitigation action. Specifically, the Commission will function as the entity to foster the efforts of the City of Ashland to adopt and achieve the goals set forth in the Fire Adapted Communities programs.

(Ord. 3175 § 1, replaced, 03/05/2019)

## 2.26.020 Established Membership

The Ashland Wildfire Safety Commission is established and shall consist of no less than seven (7) voting members, and certain nonvoting ex officio members consisting of a member of the City Council, a representative of Ashland Fire and Rescue, and additional staff as needed. The Fire Department designee shall serve as the primary staff liaison and as Secretary of the Commission. At least five (5) of the voting members will be community members at large, and all of the voting members shall be designated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. (Ord. 3175 § 1, replaced, 03/05/2019)

## 2.26.030 Powers and Duties – Generally

The powers, duties and responsibilities of the Ashland Wildfire Safety Commission shall be as follows:

- A. To develop, coordinate and promote a comprehensive community wildfire strategy;
- B. To initiate, enhance and promote full community participation and responsibility in reducing wildfire risk;
- C. To submit recommendations to City Council and City departments regarding the community's wildfire strategy;
- D. To promote and support a relationship with surrounding areas and jurisdictions that pertain to or benefit wildfire safety in Ashland. (Ord. 3175 § 1, replaced, 03/05/2019)