

MINUTES

HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

June 11TH, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

TOWN HALL - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DR.

Present: Jazmine Duncan, Bob Russell, Pat Drake, Ron Drake, Greg Halliday, Leta Vaughn.

Recorder: Alison Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

Jazmine Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.

1. Public Comment

Halliday stated that the Fire District Website would be good for public notices.

2. Approval of the May 14th, 2014 Minutes

Halliday corrected page 2, 2nd paragraph, lot 50 & 51 should be lot 35 & 34 instead for a CV Dr. culvert.

Ron Drake moved to approve the minutes with the presented correction, Bob Russell seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

3. Continue Step 3: Develop Mitigation Plan

Halliday met with Nick Jones from the Utah State University who reviewed the road issues in the valley with the Mayor and himself. Jones recommended a ^{GPS} bridge that would be a 1/4 of the price of a normal bridge. Based upon the equipment the Town has all the flood mitigation that could be done, has been. Jones was surprised that Keogh Lane was so steep and stated that when he worked for Provo City as their Roads Engineer driveways were not permitted to be built as steep as ^{the 20% slopes on} parts of Keogh. Jones recommended an ordinance that would require lots in the flood plain be built 3 ft higher than the current grade.

There was discussion around what residents have done that have built in flood plains as well as below grade.

Pat Drake inquired about the lifespan of a bridge.

Halliday thought perhaps 30 years and thought it would last longer than a culvert.

- A. Prioritize hazards – Go back and run our mitigation strategies for Fire Hazard through the worksheets.**
- B. Identify mitigation actions**
- C. Prepare mitigation strategy**
- D. Document the planning process**

The group discussed mowing the roadsides, policy changes, raising public awareness & controlled burning as mitigation strategies and rated them with their worksheets for their potential benefit, financial & political viability.

There was discussion on how controlled burns also prevent future fuels however the risks are very high.

The group rated identifying lots with lots of over growth and educating fire defensible space for the potential benefit, financial & political viability. There was discussion around the benefits of identifying fuel laden lots.

Bob Russell mentioned the red rock, green rock system of assessing property's safety to fight fires. A red rock would mean the property is not safe enough for fire fighters to come onto the property and fight the fire.

The group rated investing in equipment to reduce fuels with their worksheets with the above measures. Halliday discussed the pit falls of the boom mower and recommended a 3 point hitch mower instead. The group discussed using livestock for fuel/weed control and rated the strategy with their worksheets. They discussed using a variety of livestock, and not limiting regulations even more to not allow for this type of mitigation. The group discussed and rated fire mitigation strategies with their worksheets: fire inspections on structures, pre-planned fire breaks, policy changes to regulate fuel and hazardous material storage, & locating potential water sources for firefighting. The group discussed and rated creating a program for the Town siren and creating an emergency plan for when the siren goes off.

4. Other Needs

A. Discuss fire mailing, help with draft if needed.

Duncan stated the Fire Commissioners and Bill Rau are working on a document to send out for fire awareness and prevention practices and if anyone has anything they would like to add they should get in touch with Rau or the Fire District.

B. Begin strategies for hazard #3: Severe Weather, if time permits.

Halliday moved to adjourn, Vaughn seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

Jazmine Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:43p.m.

ADJOURN


APPROVED:



Jazmine Duncan, Chair

Date:

ATTESTED:



Alison Fuller, Town Clerk

Date: