

Board Members Present:

Board members present: Cecelia Borland, Glenn Borland, James Ewen, Elizabeth Getzoff, Don Grant, Sue Hanson, Katie Michelmore, Alan Serry, Michael Walsh, Jack Weisgerber, Mark Wisnosky.

Board Members Absent: Robert Carlyle, Rosemary Johnston, Michael Pique, Yvonne Vaucher.

The PMPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM at the Palomar Mountain Fire Department, by Glenn Borland, chair. A quorum of Board members was present. About six members and guests also attended.

Treasurer Michael Walsh's report was approved. The minutes of the September 9, 2017, board meeting were not available so the Secretary's report was deferred.

Old Business

Traffic Safety:

The CHP is here weekends since community meeting; racing/speeding have been reduced last 3-4 weeks. Burt Hulbert and Kim Mead are working well together on this. Mass emails are being sent so folks will call in when racing is rampant as Capt. Amy Mangin of CHP pays attention to calls made. Snow Emergency Meeting Nov 21, 10:00 AM at the Valley Center sheriff's substation. 27 individuals/agencies were contacted; most responded. All will be reminded not to use flares on the roads. Sheriff Advisory Group has a new Lieutenant - Dave Schaller - and 2 dedicated officers for patrolling on snow days.

Palomar Mountain Fire Department (PMFD):

Capt. Dean Kowalski reported 45 calls last month. We now have a Captain, 2 engineers, and 3 firefighters spread over the week. Sometimes only 1 driver and always 1 paramedic. Alan Serry remarked that it is still difficult to get water to a fire with the water tender holding 2000 gallons because access is difficult. Cliff Kellogg says that "non-drivers" can drive the patrol vehicle, which carries medical bags.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC):

Cecelia Borland reported that PMFSC has received \$15,000.00 in grant money this year with which it has purchased Barricade Fire Retardant Gel applicators and pressure washers for use by the community. FSC has also provided a Wildland-Urban Interface class and a Chainsaw Safety class for the community. Free Chipping is still available through the USFS grant.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

Cliff Kellogg reported for Bill Leininger that CERT will be holding a hemorrhage control class November 18. Subject matter for the December 9 class to be announced. Alan Serry thanked CERT for acknowledging Veterans' Day and encouraged all CERT members to get their amateur radio ('ham') licenses and to participate in the practice "net" every Tuesday at 8 PM. A successful drill was held last Tuesday which simulated an earthquake and the responses thereto. A repeater for the CERT organization will be placed on the Walls property in the not too distant future to improve coverage.

Neighborhood Watch:

Alan Serry will be stepping back; Kim Mead and Katie Michelmore will be new team. No word on Observation Point thieves; photos inadequate for ID. Burt Hulbert offered help/advice to anyone worried about security. Call Brandy Contraras/sheriff's dispatch if you see any peculiar activity; they can't do anything about it if they don't know about it.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM):

Furniture sale today. Christmas Party December 9, 6:00-8:30 PM; bring appetizer or Dessert. Beverages provided.

S6 “Highway to the Stars” Road Signs:

Alan Serry invited all to the dedication and unveiling of the signs on November 18 at the Valley Center and Cole Grade Road junction. Signs have been placed at Lilac/VC Road, VC Road/Cole Grade Road, three on the South Grade Road, and three on Canfield Road. There will be a presentation at the Observatory Museum at noon and a special tour to follow.

Road Maintenance Resolution

A draft Road Maintenance Resolution was read by Jack Weisgerber. A number of revisions were suggested and there was much discussion about liabilities, property lines, etc. The Secretary was tasked with writing a revised draft which will be offered to all board members for perusal/correction, then final copy signed by PMPO Chair, PMVFD Chair, and PMFSC Chair. Copies will be posted on Community Bulletin Board, Post office, PMVFD website, FSC website, Nextdoor Palomar Mountain, and mailed to all property owners. It was moved (Cecelia Borland) and seconded (James Ewan) that a Road Access Sub-Committee be formed to investigate easements, liabilities with Mark Wisnowski (acting chair), Elizabeth Getzoff, 1 FSC member, and 1 PMVFD member. There was no further discussion and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Next board meeting is Saturday February 10, 2018, 10:00 AM.

Michael Pique, Secretary (email: secretary@pmpoinfo.com)

Minutes approved by PMPO board February 10, 2018.