



FORTRESS WAY ROAD ASSOCIATION
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ANNUAL POTLUCK MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY May 1, 2024

President Rich Farrington introduced other Board Members: Bob Passeri, Treasurer, Sheree Malone, Secretary, John Berglund, member, and Kelly Langelier, Vice President, replacing Brian Gray. Thirty-three members were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

- Emergency Evacuation Route -- Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Doug & Julie DeFoe and Dwayne Loos for installing a gate in 2023 and use of roads on their properties in emergencies if there's no other way out. A map of the route was handed out and is on the fortressfirewise.org/fwhome website.
- Firewise Program -- a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Bill Dye for his leadership in implementing the Firewise Program. A new coordinator is needed. We discussed the positive impact of the program on our insurance, and the safety it provides our community with the Home (Insurance) Hardening and Cal Fire Defensible Space rules.
- Funds -- Treasurer Bob reported the Association's funds in December 2023 were \$38,948, up \$7,110 from 2022. Julie Defoe reviewed the report and all looked good. Mike Malone moved to accept the report, seconded by Cynthia Wagy, and it passed unanimously.
- 2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Rich reviewed the Long Term Rd Surfacing Schedule with the estimated total cost of \$151,000. Annual addition to the Resurfacing Reserve is \$4,000/yr and annual Maintenance \$5,100/yr (based on 8-year average).
- Annual Fee -- increased to \$200 in 2024 because of inflation and funds needed for maintenance and future resurfacing.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Member: Kelly Langelier was introduced as Vice President, the newest member of the board. There were no other volunteers for this position. Mike Malone made a motion to support Kelly on the Board, Julie seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Budget: The recommended 24/25 Budget of \$10,468 was discussed regarding road crack sealing and the importance of culvert cleaning and pothole repairs. Mike motioned to adopt the budget, Kelly seconded, and the budget passed unanimously.
- Continuing member road issues: Cleaning ditches, Hazardous tree/limb and roadside vegetation danger & clearing: grass, brush, etc. – needs to be back 10-15 feet from the edge of the road, and Parking off-pavement.
- Firewise Volunteer Hours (Due by 8/1). Enclosed is the Volunteer Hours form needed from Firewise Community Members to continue the Firewise 3-Year Plan. Please contact me 925-216-9491 if you are interested in helping keep the Firewise Program active, otherwise we'll lose the insurance benefits it provides. This Form is also available on fortressfirewise.org/fwhome website and should be returned to me or Julie at TheFoesFort@gmail.com by August 1st.
- Roy Bjornson reported that the yard waste dumpster will be here again this year July 8-22.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.