

Spires Fire Awareness Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2013

Mrs. Gilliam called the meeting of the Spires Fire Awareness Committee (FAC) to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were as follows:

Sandie Gilliam, Blaine Miller, Tom Speed, Janice Speed
Absent: Ben DeMeter, Larry Gilliam, Roland Harris, Bob Thompson

The August 28, 2013, meeting minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

Defense of HOA property adjacent to Cheyenne Mountain Bluffs (CMB) property:

Blaine Miller reported on the on-site meeting with CSFD regarding possible new routes or fire hydrants to support fire-fighting activities behind homes on the adjacent CMB property.

CSFD stated their goals: 1) Evacuate people and 2) defend homes from the street side. They do not need additional routes or fire hydrants. They would rather see mitigation done behind the homes.

Federal mitigation grant monies are still pending for any CMB mitigation work.

CSFD would like to see the "attractive nuisance" structure removed which is on CMB property.

For clarification, I asked Derek Patterson by email on Sept. 26 if Dale Beggs had been asked and he replied on Sept. 30 that Mr. Beggs was asked in a letter but gave no response. *To be discussed at a future FAC meeting.*

Patrol Report: Earth is damp from recent flooding.

New Business:

Voluntary Fire Evacuation Drill for Broadmoor Bluffs and the Spires:

Sandie Gilliam reported on the September 24 planning meeting with Lisa Czelatdko, CSFD, CSPD, Humane Society, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and neighborhood representatives.

The Evacuation Drill will take place on Saturday, October 19, from 8:00 AM to 10-ish AM, regardless of the number of participants. The goal is for 200 families to participate to better simulate actual traffic conditions on evacuation routes. Pets and firearms are prohibited from the drill.

There will be a Pre-Event meeting for all who sign up, held at the Cheyenne Mountain Elementary School on Thursday, October 10, at 6:30 PM. At that time, folders and handouts will be distributed, including information on organizing and planning evacuations. Colorado Springs Utilities will also provide handouts

regarding what may happen in the event of a fire, such as a shutdown of electricity, necessitating manual intervention to open garage doors, for example. Participants must sign a liability waiver. Placards will be distributed to display at front doors on the day of the drill. There will be advance telephone notification to participants, but not utilizing the ENS (reverse 9-1-1). Police will knock on those doors displaying placards and instruct occupants to evacuate via a particular route, taking placards with them. Fire trucks will be parked on streets and be in transit to simulate actual conditions. There will be two police officers stationed at the stoplight near Safeway directing traffic.

There will be police officers stationed in the evacuation area during the drill but none during the pre-event meeting. It will be up to non-participants to act as "Neighborhood Watchers" to help keep the area secure while many homes are left unoccupied.

Sandie Gilliam is representing the Spires Drainage HOA homes. Others are representing the remaining areas. The boundaries (roughly) are Norad Road, Norad property, CO 115 and Star Ranch Road.

The Spires HOA Board has authorized the purchase of 30 signs announcing the drill which are to be installed by the FAC at the 27 HOA mailboxes. Lisa Czelatdko is supplying the signs.

The City is advertising the event via letters mailed to homeowners, communication to parents via schools and the Cheyenne Edition newspaper. Sandie Gilliam supplied a copy of the letter and a poster from the City.

The HOA Board authorized a special edition of the HOA newsletter to announce the event. Blaine Miller will write a letter from the FAC for inclusion in the newsletter.

Janice Speed will send out a Neighborhood News message regarding the drill when requested to do so by Lisa Czelatdko.

Janice Speed