

Spires Fire Awareness Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2014

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, Larry Gilliam, Blaine Miller, Tom Speed, Janice Speed

Absent: Roland Harris

Resigned previously: Ben DeMeter, Bob Thompson

The September 24, 2013, meeting minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

Updates on Surveillance of Cheyenne Mountain Bluffs (CMB) property:

- May 18, Tom and Janice Speed found the remains of a campfire, many pieces of burnt material (some stretched over thin wire), a fire starter and other miscellaneous items. They took photos and carried many of the items out.
- May 19, CSPD was contacted, Sandie Gilliam and Janice Speed collected more items and Officer Judd Tyson met them at the Gilliams' residence. This resulted in an assignment of an Arson case file number. Officer Tyson transported the fire starter and other items to the CSPD as well as the photos of the scene as evidence.
 - Also found were pieces of building material resembling wood that were placed at the campfire site as fuel but did not burn. There is the possibility that these pieces contain asbestos and there is a large amount of them in a clearing. Per online resources, the only way to know if they contain asbestos is to send a sample to a lab for analysis. Mrs. Gilliam contacted Mr. Dale Beggs (of CMB property) and requested that he remove these materials, but he has not responded. Larry Gilliam will discuss the materials with CSFD.
 - Also discovered was a platform in a tree not far from the building materials and the campsite/campfire locations. It does not appear to be in use.
- Patrols have been done by the Speeds, the Gilliams, the Millers and some Wellfleet residents. No other activity noted. CSFD has also been seen visiting Wellfleet St.
- Officer Tyson had spoken with the CSPD Resource Officer at Cheyenne Mtn. High School who then told the kids to stay out of the woods area after the prom & graduation.

Updates on the "attractive nuisance" on CMB property:

- It is tipped over with more litter in the area. Disassembling the materials and removing all was deemed impractical as vehicle access is not possible.

- Surveillance: Will continue to monitor CMB property.
- Firewise Communities USA/Recognition Program Application:
 - Referencing the documentation found at <http://www.firewise.org/usa-recognition-program.aspx> we discussed what was needed to obtain Firewise Community status for the Spires Drainage HOA. One requirement was to schedule annual CSFD/HOA community meetings. We selected three possible dates in September (11, 16 and 18) for the initial meeting. Sandie Gilliam will contact CSFD's Christina Randall for clarification on what else we need to do and to schedule the joint meeting. Sandie Gilliam will also contact Cheyenne Mtn. Elementary School to request using their facility to hold the meeting.
 - (Update as of July 16: CSFD's Amy Sylvester clarified the annual meeting requirements, and a meeting date was set for September 16 to be held at CSFD Fire Station #16 at 4980 Farthing Drive from 7:00–8:00 pm. Each following year, this requirement can be met by having CSFD invited to attend the HOA January annual meeting and speak about grants, updates, etc. for 5-10 minutes. Amy Sylvester also sent a sample announcement of the meeting for our use. Janice and Tom Speed will supply any additional explanation of the purpose of this meeting and supply it to Derek Patterson for distribution to homeowners via postcard, website, and/or newsletter, etc.
 - Also discussed was the possibility of individual homeowners receiving a discount on their home insurance, once the HOA receives the Firewise Communities/USA recognition. Only known discount is from USAA Insurance for California residents. The committee will contact the following insurance companies to inquire about discounts in Colorado (Blaine Miller: USAA, Larry Gilliam: State Farm, Janice Speed: Hartford).
- Renaming the Committee: The committee voted on a new name to reflect Firewise Communities/USA: Change Spires Fire Awareness Committee to **Spires Firewise Committee**. Larry Gilliam will discuss with the HOA Board members at their next meeting.
- New Members for Committee: Larry Gilliam will talk with the HOA Board on July 18 about possible replacements for the two former members, and will also update the list of committee members. Blaine Miller will ask Laurie Meacham of Stonebeck Lane if she would like to join, as she had expressed interest in the past.

Janice Speed

Note: The next CSFD/HOA Wildfire Mitigation event is scheduled for September 15.