

**RIVIERA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The RHHA Monthly Board Meeting was held at the RHHA Clubhouse on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 2:00PM, both in-person and via ZOOM.

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 2:04 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**A. Board Members:**

**Kathy Andre, President** - present

**Susan McGurgan, Vice President** - present

**Byron Turner, Secretary** - present

**Antony Bisaccio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - present

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – from October 6, 2021, Board Meeting as submitted.** Voted and approved as submitted.

**4. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – Jim Dowdy, Kelseyville Fire Fighters Union, to discuss upcoming KFPD Fire Tax - Measure A, including new fire station.**

Jim Dowdy from the Kelseyville Fire Fighters Association was our guest speaker to give some insight into Measure A.

The Fire Fighters will be going door to door to put up door hangers regarding Measure A. Measure A is a proposed measure to help pay for, not only a fire station within 5 miles of Riviera Heights and Buckingham it is also to pay for more staffing at the existing fire stations. Increasing staffing and adding a new fire station will decrease the amount of time it will take for a response as well as increase the chances of getting fires out quickly. The last time the tax was raised to support fire stations/fire fighters was in the mid 1980's and it was raised to \$19.00 where it has stayed ever since. At the time of this increase the call volume for the fire stations in our area were around 600 calls. It has since risen to around 2500 calls per year while the rate has stayed the same. Mr. Dowdy explained that with this increase it will put Kelseyville in the middle bracket for what surrounding towns in our county pay with their taxes for fire personnel. This tax will also likely bring the ISO rating from a 10 to a 4 or a 5.

Mr. Dowdy also explained that this measure would help with the equipment used to fight fires in our area, the KFPD had applied through a grant for a new fire engine for the last 10 years and finally last year they received one.

The ballots for this measure will be going out November 11, 2021 and have to be postmarked no later than December 21, 2021.



The Board has voted to reopen the clubhouse to our members. The COVID protocols and clubhouse must be adhere to during any rental.

## **B. FIREWISE - UPDATE:**

### **A. CLERC Grant – Hazardous Tree removal along evacuation routes – update**

The Hazardous Tree removal is wrapping up in Riviera West, there were 45 trees removed in Riviera West. The tree removal should be starting here in Riviera Heights shortly. Riviera Heights will also be removing 45 trees along the evacuation roads.

### **B. Fire Safe Sonoma – certification for property fire risk assessments**

This is a 6-hour program that takes the latest data from wildfires and showing the best ways to protect your house from wildfires, for example clearing a 5-foot defensible space around your house, also planting more fire-resistant plants around your property. They also suggest planting bushes in “islands” creating spaces in the rows of plants to break up the fuel ladder.

### **C. Soda Bay Road Evacuation Route clearing -- Grant opportunity**

This is a grant for about \$380,000 that would remove hazardous trees along Soda Bay Road for the State Park to Kelseyville Riviera. This grant has to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, after that the grant would have to be sponsored by an entity such as CLERC to monitor the funding.

### **D. Americore grant opportunity with LISTOS**

This grant opportunity is through LISTOS that will be working with Americore. With this grant about 20-30 Americore members would come out in January for about a month and give property owners educational materials and tips to be prepared for the next wildfire season.

### **E. Revington Fire Insurance Home assessments**

Revington Fire Insurance specializes in wildfire areas/ They have trained fire professionals that, for a \$250.00 fee will come out and inspect your property and point out everything that would need to be done in and around your property to ensure the property is fire ready. If you are interested in this service, please call the office for more information.

### **F. Insurance Commissioners update on homeowners’ insurance and incentives to reduce premiums.**

The Insurance Commissioners are trying to set up incentives for property owners that have made and keep their properties fire safe.

### **G. Dead/dying tree removal at Clubhouse**

We have recently removed 3 large trees from the clubhouse parking lot that were dying due to the drought and the beetle infestation. Upon removing these trees we have noticed about 8 more trees that are dying that will need to be removed as well.

## **C. MARINA – UPDATE**

### **A. Pier installation – remaining completion of tasks**

The pier projection is just about completed. There are a few small tasks that need to be finished up and will be done shortly. However, most of this project is complete. This also includes the

installation of the electrical components that needed to be installed to put up the security cameras. When the electrical was finished Deep Valley Security came out and installed the new security cameras.

**D. SOCIAL COMMITTEE – UPDATE**

**E. OPEN FORUM**

**F. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM

**The Next Monthly Board Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday,  
December 1, 2021 at the Clubhouse. Contact the RHHA for more information.  
Executive Session will immediately follow Board Meeting.**