



CHRISTMAS TREE HILL NRG
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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Sunday, December 12, 2021
(Meeting via Zoom)

Attendees: Elizabeth D’Orazio, Dan Merriam, Debra Sartell, Kevin and Collin Woodall, Beth O’Neill, Jean Schulz, Leslie Cunningham, Ann Bentley, Cinda van Lierop, Ken Ishiguro, Connor Turnbull, Brandon Hemley, Linda Meier, Steve Kaplan, Anita Bock

4:00 PM Call to Order

1. Welcome and introductions: Anita welcomed Dan Merriam to his first meeting and thanked him for his willingness to serve as the Block Captain for Zone 7 Block 3. Dan’s firsthand experience in the Tubbs fire will enhance our planning discussions.
2. Updated map and data base status, and recent block captain resignations: Scott Thorpe is finalizing an updated CTH NRG zone and block map which will be distributed next week. Anita announced the BC resignations of Liz Miller and Mark Rudy and thanked them for their contributions.

Action item: Scott will finalize map and Anita will distribute.

3. Block Captain and Incident Command training RSVP reminder. **Note:** if COVID concerns persist 2 training sessions will take place via Zoom.
4. Regarding our letter to the Corte Madera and Larkspur mayors, council members and the Central Marin Fire Chief requesting consideration of strengthened defensible space related wildfire safety regulations: Next steps were discussed and proposed as follows:
 - Dan: engage a consulting arborist in the discussion (possibly James Lascot - <http://www.arborlogic.com>)
 - Debra: circle back to the recipients
 - Cinda: Corte Madera has a new mayor, we should reach out to him to educate him on the issue.
 - Steve (Kaplan): lacking from our strategy to date is a public engagement component, we should raise the issue during public comment at upcoming council meetings in Larkspur and Corte Madera. Solicit volunteer speakers from our group and prepare speaking points.

Action items:

- Anita will (a) check out upcoming 2022 1st quarter meeting dates and send out an email to the team to solicit volunteer speakers, (b) try to set up a Zoom meeting with new mayor Cassissa (<https://townofcortemadera.org/603/Fred-Casissa>) in the New Year, and c) draft a ‘circle back’ email to the recipients for review by the team.
 - After reviewing the CTH NRG letter sent, Dan will reach out to James Lascot, a certified arborist, to engage him in a discussion on the issues put forth in the letter.
5. March 13, 2022 daylight savings drill format: After discussion of 3 proposed options (attached to the agenda) **those present voted for option 2** – an awareness raising, information sharing, public relations outreach event for residents to be held at Menke Park. Various suggestions were made as to the event’s activities and focus. Suggestions included:

- Evacuation drill and evacuation information sharing
- Focus on child safety and have an activity for kids
- Family friendly
- Have refreshments (coffee and donuts)
- Adequate outreach and marketing to boost attendance
- Focus on education and relationship building
- Invite key stakeholders—like the police to address evacuation specifics and Ruben Martin (Fire Chief) and Todd Lando (Fire Marshal) of the Central Marin Fire Department
- Keep it simple
- Consider using Fire Department's 'open house' concept
- Consider ways to increase resident receptivity to our mission
- Explore the most effective ways of sharing information
- Have a raffle - an emergency kit or something similar
- Display emergency kits, and other important emergency supplies

Action item: Appoint an event planning committee in early January so that planning can start promptly in early January. Anita will send out an email asking for volunteers.

6. New | other business:

- Ann requested an undergrounding update.

Action item: Anita will remind Matt to get an update from the consultant and Todd Cusimano (Corte Madera Town Manager) on the Undergrounding Study being conducted. As soon as received the update will shared with the team.

- Jean shared sad and tragic news: Annie Reid, a member of the CTH NRG Medical Team (who many met and will remember from our November meeting at which she presented an update on the November 7th CERT exercise), was recently killed in a car accident. Dan shared details about outreach and assistance to her husband/family. Jean indicated that AI has been involved in such activities and Anita pledged to contact AI to see how the CTH NRG team can assist and how best to express our team's heartfelt condolences to her family.

Post meeting update: Dan put Anita in touch with Annie's neighbor. If you are interested in volunteering to join the Reid family assistance team, please email Anita promptly and she will connect you.

In closing, a toast was made to our 2021 successes and achievements and grateful thanks was expressed to all. Best wishes for safe and happy Holidays!

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Reminder: The next radio test is on Monday, December 13, 2021. Connor will be conducting the test. PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible by accepting the calendar invitation or sending an email to cthnrg@gmail.com with subject line Available for radio test" or "Unavailable for radio test". If we do not hear from you, you will not be called.

Next meeting Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 4:00 PM