



Glacier View Fire Protection District

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August 1st at 7:00pm

GVFPD Workshop was called to order at 7:00 PM via in-person and ZOOM

Board of Directors present: President Dave Burk, Vice President Bill Salmon, Treasurer David Thompson, Director Steve Groeteke, and Secretary Ron Lindroth via Zoom

CWPP Committee members present: 6 and project manager Warren Jones

Public members: 3

The CWPP Workshop was presented by Warren Jones and other committee members. CWPP Workshop packet was reviewed as submitted, and no Board actions were taken.

Additional comments:

- The two-track Implementation was described as projects that could be completed in 6-12 months. Strategic projects would happen in the background, while tactical projects are action items that could happen now out in the field as stated in the CWPP
- The committee would like to use the remaining budgeted Firewise funds for projects this fall.
- The committee would like to see the Board formally establish the overall program for the future either through a Resolution or presented to the Board as each project emerges for approval.
- The committee stressed looking at grants for fire mitigation, noting that these are generally matching grants that would need budgeted for the additional matching funds. It was noted that a budget could be set once it is decided where CWPP is placed within GVFPD, either a Board program, Operations Program, or new program. Currently it sits under Firewise as the overarching program.
- The committee would like to begin collaboration and building relationships within the District – HOA's, CWPP Stakeholders, Northern Colorado Watershed
- GVM HOA is currently chipping the GVM slash piles through a grant they received
- The committee stressed developing a slash pile strategy. Warren stated that GVFPD currently have an agreement with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office to burn the GVM HOA and Red Feather Highlands slash piles – they will be looking at options. Mr. Lilly identified the Forest Service work on slash piles along the Boy Scout Roads and mentioned that smaller piles are now more recommended than the larger piles. GVM HOA does not allow burning on properties. Other methods of making/removing slash piles were mentioned. The committee is talking to Derek with the LC Sheriff's office regarding working within GVM on roadways, as well as 74E and 68C (Boy Scout Rd).
- Warren stated his vision is that the CWPP would run under GVFPD for three or four years and then it would spin off on its own entity, He mentioned Crystal Lakes Fire is putting

together their CWPP now and has a 501c3 for their financial piece. Currently GVFPD has the CWPP, but another concept would be a completely freestanding organization that would raise funds, gets grants, and provides services for the CWPP outside of GVFPD. Warren would not recommend a 501c3 to GVFPD now, but ten or fifteen years when surrounding agencies have their CWPP in place, this might be an option.

- It was suggested by the committee that participation from all HOA's will be important moving forward.
- Warren stated that nothing would be presented to the Board at the August Board Meeting.

Board comments, thoughts, suggestions:

- Vice President Salmon reminded the committee that, through the survey done last year, fire prevention and mitigation was in the top three priorities to fighting fires in our area. He stated that his focus is on the response from the public, the CWPP approval, establishing a fire adaptive community through a resolution, as this seems to be a good starting point as an organization. Vice President Salmon added that the CWPP is a plan that was paid for by GVFPD, but really, the ownership of the plan is on people that are identified in the CWPP, He suggested building a relationship with the HOA's which will aid in moving forward.
- President Burk commented on the 501c3 stating that there is still the question on how GVFPD is going to set up Firewise/Fire Adaptive -CWPP in the Budget. He noted that even with a supporting entity GVFPD would still have to take the money in as revenue and show it as an expense for whatever is purchased. He added that there is no downside to a resolution to be put in place, it is more formal than a Board motion and action, but with the complexity of CWPP for the District and beyond, lining it out on a written document is a good idea. President Burk stated that a resolution can always be amended and adjusted or dropped by a future Board. A resolution does not bind a future Board's action. He does not see a downside to a resolution and recommended a draft resolution before a meeting, so the Board is ready to discuss at a future Board Meeting.
- Treasurer Thompson – Treasurer Thompson stressed that all funding should be supporting all residences in the District. He also suggested setting up a 501c3 organization that is tied to the Board but is separate from the Board as far as the financial piece would work. He added that all HOA's in the District need to be included in the CWPP conversation. Treasurer Thompson is concerned about the GVFPD liability.
- Secretary Lindroth recommended that the finance piece be considered a third addition within the organization, Fire Prevention Division. Once established, then budgeted line items would be added. This would keep it under the Board's purview. He suggested that the resolution include the adoption of CWPP as a bounding document to fire prevention services for GVFPD, which gives GVFPD a little bit of ownership on that. Secretary Lindroth added that when it comes to managing the document, he agrees to either having a committee, not a standing implementation committee, to manage CWPP on an ongoing basis, or we have a short-term committee that implements a portion of the plan, goes away, and then someone else takes it on to carry forward. He estimated the cost to start a 501c3 could cost upwards of \$20k and stated it would be a major investment. He suggested that donations could be accepted specifically towards CWPP and kept track of.

(Board comments, thought, suggestions – continued)

- Director Groeteke understood that once CWPP was in place that this opens the door for GVFPD participating with other agencies and fundraising collaboratives and would have to be tied to an organization. He felt that if a 501c3 was isolated outside of GVFPD that it would show a disconnect with GVFPD, stating that CWPP was a community plan. He added that by the GVFPD Board adopting the CWPP it allows opportunities for grant funding on mitigation projects in the District. He expressed apprehension to a new entity taking on funding for the District. He feels that CWPP has moved so far already that the Board will need to show its support and commitment for the future through a resolution. Director Groeteke agreed needing GVM HOA's help and cooperation with roadway mitigation and our encouragement because GVFPD cannot force anyone to mitigate.

Public Comments:

Mr. Hudson commented that grants appear to be some of the first things to accomplish and asked that the Fire Board use some funds to be spend on grant writing.

Mr. Petrie commented on all the suggestions presented, but he would have liked to see the GVM HOA at this meeting or a combined meeting somewhere. He said that it appears GVFPD is moving forward regardless of what the GVM HOA is doing. He feels that both Boards should be working together, understanding each other's side, and the values that the GVM HOA has to bring into the comments that were made.

Warren acknowledged Red Feather Highlands, the Lickety Splitters, and Mr. Petrie for the work currently being done with mitigation on private property. President Burk applauded what was being done and reminder those on the committee that they are currently representing the District by the materials being handed out. Vice President Salmon shared his appreciation and added that we as an organization want to set and establish parameters, so that when people go out into the community it shows that GVFPD has done their due diligence to the District. He asked for patience and continued input from the public.

Mr. Delano commented on an initiative being put together to visit with the GVM HOA manager. He feels a District wide plan might be tough, but suggested the plan be completed in pieces through each HOA with leadership for each piece.

President Burk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Treasurer Thompson accepted the motion. Vice President Salmon seconded. No further discussion, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
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