

Subject: FW: Staff Report-53

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Council members:

As you consider changes to the cities policy on fire prevention, I would like to offer my observation as a resident of Shore Cliffs on Buck Gully since 1993. I am forwarding the correspondence between Council Person Brenner and some of the other members of our CDMRA board.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandie Haskell <sandiehaskell@roadrunner.com>

Subject: Re: Staff Report-53

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This is what I was talking about. The new fire marshall is clicking all the boxes; slick presentation materials, recommended interventions, public outreach, new ordinance etc. But once again there is no concrete plan to deal with compliance regarding the mitigation of fire danger. The residents know that without language that completely outlines their responsibility in making the area safer and NO consequences for not complying, they are free to do nothing.

Also, the fire marshall has often spoken of possible slope erosion as an excuse for not clearing the area. Let's leave the engineering problems to the engineers and landscapers and let him deal with the fire danger. Any slope can be modified and engineered to address erosion concerns. Part of the responsibility of living in this area is to deal with the topography. Please, let's not invent reasons to not comply with the fire side of things.


I would suggest you add a mandatory inspection protocol and schedule these inspections (preferably annually) to be preformed by the fire marshall or fire-persons specially trained in fuel modification requirements; these requirements to be written into the actual ordinance. Further, you will get absolutely no voluntary compliance by the residents unless you institute an effective plan to deal with noncompliance. As in the past, residents, knowing there are no consequences, simply ignore the letters from the fire marshall to clear their lots. I would suggest instituting a schedule of fines for noncompliance.


By not including this noncompliance wording, it would seem as if the city is just trying to reduce their liability by creating “rules” without actually enforcing them and not effectively mitigating the fire danger.

With such a high noncompliance rate on the part of the residents, nothing changes unless the city enforces all their rules.

Thanks,
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SENT BY	Joy Brenner
	First reading on Tuesday night and Second reading of this ordinance will be on February 25.
MESSAGE FROM SENDER	Sandie do you agree with this conclusion?
	I am particularly interested in knowing if Option 3 will be enough for insurance companies to continue to write insurance policies on these homes.
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