1. Call to Order: Chairman Pat Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members present were Pat Dwyer, Rod Repschlaeger, John Erickson, John Lindberg and Marc Regelbrugge. Dwyer reminded attendees to sign in and also solicited volunteers to sign up to provide Treats Table services at next year’s meetings. Dwyer also noted that Treasurer John Erickson still has several Logtown hats and T-shirts for sale, and to contact John if interested.

2. Public Comment: A new resident on Crystal Boulevard introduced herself and was welcomed by the group.

3. Chairman’s Report: Dwyer reported that the Logtown East Side Fuel Break project (LT-10) is getting underway. The Project Manager is now under contract and requests for Right of Entry permission have been sent to affected landowners on the east sides of Monitor Rd., Galena Dr., Dolomite Dr. and Sam Hill Mine Ct. If all of the necessary preparations fall into place, work on the ground could begin as early as March, 2017.

The Fire Safe Council will host an informational meeting about the LT-10 project on November 29th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Fire Station 44. Landowners and residents affected by the project are urged to attend, ask questions, and learn more about the project scope, timeline and execution.

Dwyer also discussed a countywide project, the County Council has applied for a Cal Fire SRA grant, to help landowners remove trees killed by bark beetle infestations and drought. The project will identify high-priority targets from landowner applications, with the aim of removing dead trees within residents’ defensible-space perimeter.

4. New Business – Holiday Safety: Dwyer reminded all of fire-safe practices for the Holidays, including:

   a. Careful use of cooking apparatus such as turkey fryers, including location (not on wooden decks), and avoiding spillage of hot and flammable material (carefully measure the proper amount of oil with the turkey in the deep fryer before beginning to heat the oil);
b. Check fireplace and wood stove chimneys to be sure they’re properly cleaned and functional before the winter season;
c. Use care with fire pits. Ensure fires are completely out before leaving the fire pit unattended;
d. Only use candles away from flammable materials such as curtains and upholstery. Do not leave candles burning unattended.

5. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Erickson reported cash on hand of $0.00 as all cash has been deposited into the Council’s checking account. Total assets in the account are $9,099.80, reflecting $1,602.69 net income from October’s Hot Dog Social. The event grossed $2,943.

6. County Fire Safe Council Update: Dwyer discussed several programs and initiatives being pursued by the EL Dorado County Fire Safe Council. These include:

   a. PG&E grants to Grizzly Flat, Lake Hills Estates and for the Senior Assistance Program. The Senior Assistance Program clears defensible space for seniors who are unable to do so for themselves, or to afford to hire workers to do so. Seniors can apply for the program through the Friends of Seniors (see the Resources page at the end of these notes). The program is funded by donations and small fundraisers. Approximately 40 eligible seniors are served each year.

   b. The chipper program is still ongoing, but may run out of funding in early 2017, depending on demand. Chipper crews respond to 30-40 requests per month, at an average monthly cost of about $10,000. EDCFSC has applied for a $100,000 Cal Fire SRA grant to extend the program, but there is a possibility that the chipper service may not be available for a few months in the spring of 2017.

   c. Several fuels reduction projects have been proposed around the County, including by Grizzly Flat FSC, Lake Hills Estates and the Coloma/Lotus FSC. In all, the EDCFSC expects around one million dollars of Cal Fire SRA grant monies to be awarded in the County this year.

   d. The countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which outlines plans and priorities for projects in each of the county’s satellite Fire Safe Councils, is nearing completion. Inputs to the plan are due at the end of November, and the completed plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in February, 2017. Logtown has included six projects in its plan:

      i. East Side Fuel Break (LT-10)
      ii. West Side Fuel Break Rejuvenation and Maintenance (LT-1-4)
      iii. Highway 49 East Side fuels reduction from Ore Ct. to Union Mine Rd.
      iv. Union Mine Rd fuels reduction from E. China Hill to Hwy. 49
      v. Buzztail Rd. roadside clearance
      vi. Maric Rd. roadside clearance west of Union Mine Rd.

7. Neighborhood Coordinator Updates: Dolomite Dr. resident Ed White urged residents to be alert and aware of goings on in their community. Watchfulness and communication among neighbors can help to reduce crime and other dangers. EDSO has established a Community Deputy program to extend its community policing
outreach. Our Community Deputy’s contact information is listed on the Resources page at the end of these notes.

8. Adjournment: Chairman Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Our next meeting will be at 9:00 on January 14th. Happy Holidays!

Logtown Fire Safe Council
On-Line Resources

http://www.edcfiresafe.org    El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

http://www.edcfiresafe.org/about-the-council/satellite-councils/logtown-fire-safe-council
Logtown Fire Safe Council

http://www.edcfiresafe.org/programs-grants-2/chipper-program
Chipper Program (FREE!)

http://ready.edso.org    Sheriff’s Office Emergency Notification System
Sign-up for “Code RED” (replaced reverse-911)

https://wildfiresnearme.wfmrda.com    Web-based “beta” application providing email and text-message information about wildfires near users’ locations of interest.

http://www.friendsofedcseniors.org/    Friends of Seniors, a private, non-profit advocacy organization supporting wellness, life enrichment, dignity and independence of El Dorado County Seniors and their caregivers through advocacy and financial assistance.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Southwest County Resident Sheriff’s Deputy Steve Wunschel      (530) 957-3581

EDSO Dispatch (No emergencies. FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911)      (530) 621-6600

Burn Day Info (County Air Resources Board)      (530) 621-5897