

# DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

October 29, 2025

7:00 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Mayor's Appointee- Andy Katz

District 1 – Michael Wilson  
District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet  
District 3 – Todd Darling  
District 4 – Robert Kinosian

District 5 – Shirley Dean  
District 6 – Greg Murphy\*  
District 7 – Taj Herzer-Baptiste  
District 8 – Theo Gordon\*\*

## AGENDA

### Preliminary Matters Call to Order

*Meeting called to order at 7:04pm*

*Present: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon*

*Absent: Dean*

*LOA: Darling*

**Public Present: 6**

### Approval of the Agenda

*Agenda approved by Acclamation*

### Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

*1 Public speaker*

1. Chairperson's Report -- **striking item 4 from agenda**
2. Fire Department Staff Report

**REGULAR AGENDA MATTERS** *All Regular Agenda Matters are for discussion and possible action.*

- 3. Action/Discussion:** Minutes of September 17, 2025  
**Recommendation:** Approve the draft minutes of the September 17, 2025, Regular meeting.  
**Written Material:** DFSC 9/17/25 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bradstreet requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that he abstained from the vote on Item 3. (Minutes marked him as absent).

*Motion to approve as amended: Herzer-Baptiste*  
*Second: Bradstreet*  
*Vote: Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Kinosian, Murphy, Gordon; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0*

- ~~**4. Action/Discussion:** Adding Permanent Vegetation Removal in Fire Zone Zero as eligible for the transfer tax rebate for wildfire hardening. (Murphy)~~  
~~**Recommendation:** Amend Ordinance 7.52.5060 to add eligibility for the TRR for permanent vegetation removal within 5' of the perimeter of properties in high-risk fire zones as required in the EMBER ordinance for Fire Zones 3 and 4 consisting of heavy woody vegetation of established shrubs, brush, or woody plants exceeding two feet in height or width that cannot be removed with standard hand tools (hand pruners, loppers, or hand saws).~~  
~~**Written Material:** Permanent Vegetation Removal Draft~~

Removed from the agenda by Commission Chair Murphy

- 5. Action/Discussion:** Draft Update to the Bike Plan (Wilson)  
**Recommendation:** Direct staff to modify and revise the Draft Update to the Bike Plan dated July 29, 2025, to accommodate recommendations presented to Council from the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (TIC) on Sept. 18, 2025, and to take into consideration additional recommendations from the DFSC noted in the attached document.  
**Written Material:** Draft Update to the Bike Plan  
Draft Update to the Bike Plan - Substitute Motion

#### 4 Public speakers

Motion to approve: Gordon

Second: Herzer-Baptiste

**Substitute Motion: Murphy**

Recommendation: Direct staff to modify and revise the Draft Update to the Bike Plan dated July 29, 2025, to take into consideration recommendations from the DFSC as noted in the attached substitute recommendation. (Murphy)

Motion to approve substitute motion as amended: Kinoshian

Second: Bradstreet

Vote: Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Kinoshian, Murphy, Gordon, Herzer-Baptiste.

Nays: 0;

Abstain: 0

#### 6. Work Group Reports

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan & Budget Oversight
- Neighborhood Fire Resiliency
- Safe Passages
  - Evacuation Time Study Communication w/ staff
- Community Outreach
- Street Trauma Prevention Program

#### 7. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

- 2026 DFSC Meeting Calendar – Commission secretary to provide list of 2026 City holidays into the next packet once received

*Motion to approve as amended: Gordon*

*Second: Wilson*

*Approved by Acclamation*

### **Adjournment: 9:04pm**

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Keith May*      11/4/2025

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