

## DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2025

7:00 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Mayor's Appointee- Andy Katz

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

District 5 – Shirley Dean  
District 6 – Greg Murphy  
District 7 – Vacant  
District 8 – Theo Gordon

### AGENDA

#### Preliminary Matters

**Call to Order time: 7:00 pm**

**Present:** Murphy, Bradstreet, Dean, Gordon, Katz 7:05 pm, Darling 7:07pm

**Absent:** Wilson (LOA), Kinosian,

#### Public Present

4

#### Approval of the Agenda

*Discussion –*

*Agenda approved by Acclamation*

*Discussion – No discussion*

*Agenda approved by Acclamation*

#### Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

*Public speakers: 3*

1. Chairperson's Report

2. Fire Department Staff Report\*

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

- 3. Action:** Minutes of December 4, 2024 (Chair)  
**Recommendation:** Approve the draft minutes of the December 4, 2024 regular meeting.  
**Written Material:** DFSC 12/4/24 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Murphy  
Second: Gordon  
Vote: Ayes: Murphy, Bradstreet, Dean, Gordon, Katz, Darling  
Nays:  
Abstain:

- 4. Action:** Approve LHMP Recommendation to Council (Staff)  
**Recommendation:** Recommend to the City Council that the Final Draft 2024 LHMP be adopted  
**Written Material:** *"The Commission recommends that City Council adopt the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), and reminds Council of the LHMP's important role as part of the City's General Plan: to serve as a guiding document to ensure that hazard mitigation goals are integrated into all city planning decisions and activities, including land use decisions. This integration into the General Plan is described in Element E: Plan Update of the final draft 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: "As with prior LHMP updates, this Plan will be well-integrated into the City's existing and future plans and planning mechanisms."*  
**Presentation:** PowerPoint

Public Speakers: 2

Motion to approve: Murphy –  
Dean put forth a "friendly" amendment – Add: *"This is a living document that we will continue to discuss and improve in the future."*  
No second for the "friendly" amendment.

Second: Darling on the first Motion  
Vote: Ayes: Murphy, Bradstreet, Gordon, Katz, Darling, Dean –  
(with the following note...please add this language...  
"I am voting yes because I do not want my vote to fail

from this Commission. I will ask the Commission to entertain further discussion in the future.”)

Nays:  
Abstain:

- 5. Discussion/Action:** DFSC Chair & Possible Vice-Chair Election (Bradstreet)  
**Recommendation:** Consider Nominations for the February DFSC Meeting  
**(Nominations for Chair – Murphy)**  
Motion to approve: Dean  
Second: Murphy  
Vote: Ayes: Murphy, Bradstreet, Dean, Gordon, Katz, Darling  
Nays:  
Abstain:
- 6. Discussion/Action:** Berkeley’s Wildfire Defense (Staff)  
**Recommendation:** Support the Fire Department’s Initiatives  
**Written Material:** Strengthening Berkeley’s Wildfire Defense Handout
- Public Speakers: 3
- Motion to approve: Gordon Support the Fire Department EMBER Initiative as presented in the presentation at the DFSC Meeting 1/22/2025  
Second: Darling  
Vote: Ayes: Murphy, Bradstreet, Gordon, Katz, Darling, Dean (with the following note...”reservation that she will send recommendations to DFSC secretary”)  
Nays:  
Abstain:
- 7. Discussion/Action:** Los Angeles Fires (Darling)  
**Recommendation:** ~~Ask Community Outreach Working Group to Review Berkeley Ready Programs~~ Item was pulled after a short discussion. Staff is recommending that they will come back to the DFSC with a Berkeley Ready Program Presentation (Fire and Broad Brush)
- Motion to approve:  
Second:  
Vote: Ayes:  
Nays:  
Abstain:

8. **Work Group Reports**

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan& Budget Oversight
- Home Hardening
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach
- Vision Zero

9. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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**Motion to adjourn: Acclamation**

**Adjournment 9:21 pm**

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