

DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 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 6:59 pm

Absent: Darling, Katz (arrived 7:19pm) Dean (left 7:12pm)

Public Present 4

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion –

Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Public speakers: 1

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 February 26, 2025 (Chair)
Recommendation: Approve the Draft Minutes of the February 26, 2025 Regular Meeting.
Written Material: DFSC 2/26/25 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes
- Motion to approve: Approved by Acclamation
- 4. Discussion/Action:** DFSC Vice-Chair Election (Staff)
Recommendation: Vote in New Vice-Chair Nomination(s) – Wilson nominated Gordon
- Motion to Approve: Wilson
Second: Bradstreet
- Vote:
Ayes: 6 Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Gordon, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste
Nays: 1 Dean
Abstain: 0
Absent: 2 Darling, Katz
- 5. Discussion:** Planning Department Safety Element Update of the General Plan Presentation (Staff)
Written Material: PowerPoint Presentation
Public Comment: 2
- 6. Discussion:** Measure FF Budget Allocation Presentation (Staff)
Presentation: PowerPoint Presentation
Public Comment: 2
- 7. Discussion/Action:** Recommendation to City Council to Remove Pre-Transfer Eligibility Restriction of The Transfer Tax Rebate for Wildfire Hardening (Katz)
Recommendation: Approve Referral to City Council
Written Material: Commission Report Draft
Public Comment: 1
Motion to approve: Katz
Second: Kinosian
- Vote:
Ayes: 7 Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon, Murphy, Kinosian
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 Dean
- 8. Discussion:** Review Current & FY25/26 Work Plan (Murphy)
Recommendation:

Written Material: Work Plan

9. 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

10. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

- PIG/CPI Recommendation Memo to City Council
- Berkeley Ready Program Presentation
- Budget Part 2

*Chair

**Vice-Chair

Adjournment 9:01PM

Approved by Acclamation

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

Keith May 424/25