

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
997 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Present: Paul Degenkolb, Gradiva Couzin, Bob Flasher, Shirley Dean, Ruth Grimes, Toby Simmons, Annie Bailey, Toni Stein

Absent:

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May

Public: Sarah Jones, Alina Constantinescu, Dawn Bickett, Sam Ginsbury

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

G. Couzin called meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Acclimation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Gradiva Couzin said that Jennifer Lazo is leaving the City in June.

1. Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services Staff Report

On 5/11, there was a 2 alarm fire due to initial reports of victim trapped. All residents were successfully evacuated though 2 were transported to ABH for minor injuries. Cause has not yet been determined.

Jennifer Lazo has accepted a position in Los Angeles and will be leaving the City in June. She will be missed.

Stacey Clarke started on Tuesday as the Fire Department's new Admin and Fiscal Services Manager.

CERT Academy will be held June 7-9.

Berkeley Fire will be recruiting for a fall firefighter Academy.

Fire Prevention Audit was released by the Auditor. The Communications It is available on the City's Website.

The Recommendation to Install an Outdoor Public Warning System (Sirens) and Incorporate it into a Holistic Emergency Alerting Plan has been referred to the City Council's June 3 Public Safety Committee Special Meeting

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to Cal OES.

T. Stein arrived at 7:11pm

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of April 24, 2019*

Motion approve minutes as revised: S. Dean

Second: R. Flasher

Vote: 8 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Simmons, Couzin, Grimes, Dean, Stein, Bailey; 0

Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain

Action Items

3. Recommendation to City Council on the Measure GG Tax Rate Adjustment*

Motion to write a Memo to City Council on the Yearly Adjustments of Measure GG Tax Rate as amended: G. Couzin

Second: Flasher

Vote: 8 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Simmons, Couzin, Grimes, Dean, Stein, Bailey; 0

Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain

4. Commission Workplan*

Motion to approve the submitted workplan with amendments: S. Dean

Second: Flasher

Vote: 8 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Simmons, Couzin, Grimes, Dean, Stein, Bailey; 0

Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain

Discussion Items

5. City Evacuation Workshops
6. Cal Fire Fuel Reduction Priorities Report*
7. Update from City Council Vote on Outdoor Public Warning System
8. Local (Berkeley) Composting of Vegetative Fuel Sources to Mitigate Fire Hazard*
9. Recommendation Regarding Fire Prevention and Fire Hardening of Structures
10. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Flasher

Second: Grimes

Vote: 8 Ayes: Degenkolb, Flasher, Simmons, Couzin, Grimes, Dean, Stein, Bailey; 0
Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain

Adjourned at 9:06pm