

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday March 24, 2021

Present: Gradiva Couzin, Jose Luis Bedolla, Paul Degenkolb, Nancy Rader, Toby Simmons, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet, Toni Stein

Absent:

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin,

Public: 4 Attendees: Alina Constantinescu, Chris Cullander, David Peattie, Kelly Hammergren

### **Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

J. Bedolla called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

David Peattie, from Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network (BDPNN) and Berkeley Mutual Aid said BPDNN will host a conversation about vaccinations on zoom on 3/31. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, a community meeting will be hosted regarding an emergency radio communications exercise. Berkeley Mutual is doing a lot of work around vaccinations and is hosting a webpage in this area.

Ruth Grimes said this is her last meeting and thank you to the professional staff, and to the commissioners for their time and effort working on behalf of the community.

Shirley Dean said she wanted to thank Ruth Grimes for her service and knowledge as both a former employee and a commissioner.

#### 1. Fire Department Staff Report

Emergency Operations Center – Update March 18, 2021

- Total number of vaccination within the Berkeley PH jurisdiction is **30,768** which includes doses we have received for our City partners (One Medical, Safeway, Curative, Mass Vacc site, and UC Berkeley)
- Average doses of vaccines/day 800-1500 depending on the supply

Fire Academy

- Projected start date is May 3rd

California’s Tsunami Preparedness Week is this week (March 22-26)

- On March 23, 2021, the California Geological Survey and its partners will release new Tsunami Hazard Area Maps in Alameda County for the public.

[www.tsunami.ca.gov](http://www.tsunami.ca.gov)

Alameda County Tsunami Maps release – March 23<sup>rd</sup>

- a. We encourage you to visit [www.tsunami.ca.gov](http://www.tsunami.ca.gov) to see if a tsunami can occur where you live, work, or visit. Once you are on the website, go to the maps page and find your location by typing in your address or use your current location to pinpoint your location on the [Tsunami Hazard Area Map](#).
- b. For the City of Berkeley, CGS’ new analysis indicates Tsunami Hazard Area is modestly higher than what was originally mapped in 2009. Tsunami flooding could be larger than an elevation of 18 feet in and around the low-lying bayfront areas of the City. Damage to Berkeley Marina during the 2011 Japan tsunami (estimate \$50-\$100k) indicates that even relatively minor tsunamis (less than 3-foot high) could be dangerous and damaging to areas along the waterfront. (\$17 million damage in Santa Cruz)
- c. We have added the inundation areas to the new ZH evacuation platform zones and will be posting a press release.

**Consent Items**

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of February 24, 2021\*

Motion to approve as revised: Bradstreet

Second: Couzin

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bedolla, Simmons, Rader;  
0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein, 0 Abstain:.

**Action Items**

3. Revision of Automatic Gas Shut Off Valves Recommendation

T. Stein arrived at 7:38pm.

Motion to recommend that changes of the Berkeley Municipal Code be referred to the City Manager and Planning Department to be modified in accordance with the Referral as part of the 2022 Code adoption cycle: Couzin

Second: Stein

Vote: 9 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bedolla, Simmons, Rader, Stein; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

4. Short Term Referral to City Manager, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission and Planning Commission to Amend Local Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Zoning Ordinance and Berkeley's Fire Code (Dean)

Motion to approve Dean's response: Stein

Second: Simmons

Vote: 3 Ayes: Dean, Stein, Simmons; 6 Noes: Couzin, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bedolla, Rader; 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Motion to submit Commissioner Rader's memo with addition of the Commission's July 2020 memorandum to the Planning Commission as an attachment: Couzin

Second: Rader

Vote: 6 Ayes: Couzin, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bedolla, Rader; 2 Noes: Dean, Stein; 0 Absent; 1 Abstain: Simmons.

5. Designate the Commission Chair to Represent the Commission in Measure FF Budget Process (Bedolla)

Motion to Designate the Commission Chair to Represent the Commission in Measure FF Budget Process: Couzin

Second: Grimes

Motion Withdrawn.

Motion to Designate the Commission Chair to Represent the Commission in the Measure FF Budget Process at upcoming City Council Budget and Finance Committee meetings and City Council Meetings Through July 1, 2021: Couzin

Second: Grimes

Vote: 9 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bedolla, Simmons, Rader, Stein; 0 Noes; 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

## **Discussion Items**

6. Density Ordinance (QuadPlexes) and Berkeley's Fire Code (Bedolla)
7. Presentation from the Berkeley Path Wanderers
8. Budget Timelines and Process (Fire Department)
9. Update on Memorandum of Understanding on Grizzly Peak Blvd (Fire Department)
10. Cal Fire Grant (Fire Department)
11. Vision 2050 Volunteer (Bedolla)
12. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Budget report on GG and FF April quarterly
  - b. Possible formation of a Berkeley Fire Safe Council
  - c. Berkeley mutual presentation
  - d. Transfer Tax for Home Hardening
  - e. SB 9
  - f. CEQA
  - g. Home Hardening
  - h. Cerritos Canyon

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Bradstreet

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 9 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bedolla, Simmons, Rader, Stein; 0 Noes; 0 Absent, 0Abstain.

Adjourned at 944p