

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 26, 2021

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

Absent:

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin, Abraham Roman

Public: 4 Attendees: Chris Cullander, David Peattie, Richard Thomason, Kelly Hammargren

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

J. Bedolla called meeting to order at 7:01pm

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item 5 ahead of Item 4

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Emergency Go-Kit program for seniors and people with disabilities moves forward. Berkeley Food Network pilot project for assembly of the kits is going well. On June 24, Berkeley Fire Department will speak at the Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network meeting.

1. Fire Department Staff Report

On 5/11, a motor vehicle accident with two fatalities.

2400 block of Channing arson investigation.

A prescribed burn of approximately 2.5 acres scheduled for Monday near Tilden Park has been postponed.

A fire crew successfully thwarted an attempted kidnapping of an 8 year-old victim that occurred right in front of the fire station.

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of April 28, 2021*

Motion to approve the minutes as revised: Rader

Second: Couzin

Vote: 7 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Bedolla, Rader, Simmons; 0 Noes; 1

Absent: Stein; 0 Abstain.

T. Stein arrived at 7:14pm

Action Items

3. Recommendation to City Council on Measure GG Tax Rate Adjustment (Couzin)*

Motion to send a memorandum to City Council opposing an increase to the Measure GG Tax Rate assessment: Couzin

Second: Stein

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Bedolla, Rader, Simmons, Stein; 0

Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

4. Recommendation on Financial Reporting and Process (Degenkolb)

No action taken.

5. Measure GG Reimbursement from Covid-19 Response (Couzin)*

Motion to send a memorandum to City Council to recommend the City reimburse Covid-19 related expenditures to Measure GG: Couzin

Second: Stein

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Bedolla, Rader, Simmons, Stein; 0

Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

Discussion Items

6. Cost of fully funding Fire Department to minimal staffing levels (Bedolla)
7. Measure FF pre-funding (Bedolla)
8. Measure FF process (Bedolla)
9. Budget Process for this Cycle and Next Steps (Bedolla)
10. Fire Department raising more funding (Dean)
11. Commission Home Page Resource List (Staff)
12. Disposal of Fire Department Apparatus (Bedolla)
13. CERT Program Restarting (Bradstreet)
14. Update on Memorandum of Understanding on Grizzly Peak Blvd (Fire Department)
15. Report from Planning Commission Meeting on Accessory Dwelling Units (Dean)*

16. SB 9 & SB 12 (Rader)

17. Outdoor Warning System Update (Staff)

18. Future Agenda Items

- a. Tsunami Map
- b. Vision 2050 Volunteer
- c. CEQA
- d. Fire Season Plan for 2021
- e. OES Plans For CERT/Volunteer Integration
- f. Transfer Tax for Home Hardening
- g. Live Transcription

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Bradstreet

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Bedolla, Rader, Simmons, Stein; 0

Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

Adjourned at 930p