

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 23, 2021

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin, Abraham Roman, David Sprague, David McPartland

Public: 4 Attendees: Brad, Chris Cullander, Richard Thomason, Kelly Hammargren

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item 12 after Item 5

Withdraw Item 3

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Gradiva Couzin said that Berkeley Mutual Aid is developing a Fire Buddies program to support seniors in being better ready for wildfire.

1. Fire Department Staff Report

Over the past month we had a couple of encampment fires and a couple of small structures fires.

There was a significant vehicle accident where an occupant became pulseless and was not breathing. Bystander CPR was initiated by 2 City of Berkeley employees from the Hopkins pool and an off-duty Santa Clara FF/PM. They continued CPR and used the automatic defibrillator from the pool facility. The patient was alert and speaking when the ambulance arrived at the ER.

Vision 2050 was announced by Mayor Arreguin back in 2017. The Vision 2050 report recommended three guiding principles and five strategies to improve Berkeley's

infrastructure. Strategy 3 is to adopt sustainable and safe technologies. Action item 3E recommends the preparation of a Wildfire Mitigation and Safety Plan. This item was recommended due the devastating wildland fires in California in the past 5+ years and the concern regarding an occurrence of a wildland urban interface fire in Berkeley.

The proposed project is to organize Berkeley's wildfire mitigation and fire safety activities into one report and to have an implementation plan that is prioritized and achievable. Project team includes Ray Yep, Victoria Legg, staff from Fire, Public Works, and Planning.

Zonehaven officially launched the public facing portal on June 15.

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of May 26, 2021*

Motion to approve the minutes as revised: Dean

Second: Degenkolb

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

Action Items

3. Fire Department Raising More Funding (Dean)

Item withdrawn.

4. Recommendation on Senate Bill 12 (Rader)

Motion to recommend that City of Berkeley support Senate Bill 12: Rader

Second: Couzin

Vote: 2 Ayes: Couzin, Rader; 2 Noes: Degenkolb, Stein; 0 Absent; 4 Abstain: Bedolla, Dean, Simmons, Bradstreet.

Motion failed

Discussion Items

5. Measure GG and Measure FF Workplan for Fiscal Year 2021
6. Commission Home Page Resource List (Staff)
7. Update on Memorandum of Understanding on Grizzly Peak Blvd (Fire Department)
8. Outdoor Warning System Update (Staff)

9. Venue for Commission Meetings (Bedolla)
10. OES Plans For CERT/Volunteer Integration
11. Update on Cerritos Canyon (Couzin)
12. Recommendation on Financial Reporting and Process (Degenkolb)
13. Parking Restrictions and Emergency Vehicle Access (Bedolla)
14. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Tsunami Map
 - b. Vision 2050 Volunteer
 - c. CEQA
 - d. Transfer Tax for Home Hardening
 - e. Live Transcription

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Dean

Second: Stein

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

Adjourned at 9:58p