

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 4, 2021

Present: Gradiva Couzin, Paul Degenkolb, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet, Nancy Rader, Toni Stein

Absent: Jose Luis Bedolla, Toby Simmons

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin

Public: 10 Attendees: Alec Dara-Abrams, Carla Woodworth, Chris Cullander, David Peattie, Dean Metzger, DeeJay Imortal, Janis Ching, Jon Kaufman, Kathleen E. Kelley, Ray Yep, Betsy Morris, Susan Piper

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

W. Bradstreet called meeting to order at 7:08pm

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Move Item 9 before Item 3 as an Action Item: Dean

Second: Rader

Vote: 3 Ayes: Stein, Dean, Rader Abstain, 0 Noes, 2 Absent: Simmons, Bedolla; 3

Abstain: Couzin, Degenkolb, Bradstreet

Motion Failed

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

David Peattie said that Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network is giving away 1750 go kits to seniors and people with disabilities for free. In person presentations around Go-kits at Strawberry Creek Lodge and Redwood gardens have been completed. Senior communities are very concerned about evacuations and wildfire scenarios. They're not sure if there is assistance for them. They could use clear messaging from the City about what to expect.

Betsy Morris said she is on the board of the East Bay Gray Panthers. She has learned that elevator situation for seniors. There is a cutback on staff for many of these senior facilities. She supports a partnership approach to help residents of these building to think about a buddy system, training and equipment to get people down from the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th

floor. Easy-Does-It received contract money from the city but for whatever reason they are not able to keep the special needs list.

Gradiva Couzin said that this is her last meeting of the commission as she is leaving the commission September 1. She hopes to continue to learn and expects to cross path with the commission in the future.

Nancy Rader said that she will miss Commissioner Couzin and that she has contributed a lot.

1. Fire Department Staff Report

G. Couzin left the meeting at 753p

G. Couzin returned to the meeting at 756p

Outdoor Warning System

- Entering an MOU with Zaytuna College
- UC Berkeley independently looking to install 4-6 speaker assemblies who's operation may or may not be coordinated with the City.
- LBNL independently looking to install 3 speaker assemblies who's operation may or may not be coordinated with the City.
- BUSD still in review of the MOU
- Currently writing a Council Report to enter into a contract with Genasys for the OWS. Looking at a phased approach. Phase 1 = 2 systems in the Berkeley Hills, 1 at the Harbor Master's Office, 1 at the Humane Society building, 1 at City Hall.

Grizzly Peak Interagency Meeting

- Held on July 8, 2021
- No complaints received for the July 4th road closure
- No reported fires in the VHFHSZ
- Patrols were done by EBMUD Ranger, NALCO, EBRPD, Oakland PD, UC Berkeley PD, Berkeley PD
- Fog came in around 6pm and blocked the view which might have helped
- Lots of grass fires in California
- Oakland is purchasing Red Flag flip down signs that will be flipped up on Red Flag Days. Oakland DoT will be installing them in lots of places (mostly in WUI).

Wildfire Evacuation

- Office of Emergency Service's page is up and running on the City's webpage. Wildfire Readiness & Evacuation in Berkeley

- <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/WildfireEvacuation/>
- Leave Early, Fire Weather Planning, Zonehaven

➤ **Fire Department Report by California Incident Type**
 ➤ **July 1 – 31, 2021**

Fires (structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,	29	
Encampment Fires (structures, warming/cooking, debris)	5	
Explosion - no fire (overpressure ruptures, explosions)	1	
Rescue & EMS (medical assist, vehicle accident	669	
Hazardous Condition - no fire (combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles)	37	
Service Calls (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)	90	
Good Intent (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)	74	
False Alarm Calls (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)	157	
Severe WX (lightening, wind storms)	0	

Special Incidents (citizen complaints)	2	
TOTAL	1,059	
Unit Utilization	Apparatus Count	2,383

Below is the planned timeline for future reporting on Measure GG and FF

Quarterly Official Reports – Measure GG & FF	
Q1 (July, August, September)	In Agenda Packet for October
Q2 (October, November, December)	In Agenda Packet for January
Q3 (January, February, March)	In Agenda Packet for April
Year-end report	Present to DFSC in September

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of June 23, 2021*

Motion to approve the minutes as revised: Dean

Second: Stein

Vote: 5 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Stein; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Simmons, Bedolla; 1 Abstain: Rader

Action Items

3. Recommendation on Financial Reporting and Process (Degenkolb) *

Motion to recommends that the Berkeley Fire Department require that all overtime recorded for Fire Suppression be coded properly in the Telestaff application to show the reason for the overtime: Rader

Second: Degenkolb

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

4. Enforcement of Existing Parking Rules and Regulations (Bedolla)*

Motion to hold this until next month: Rader

Second: Bradstreet

Vote: 4 Ayes: Rader, Dean, Degenkolb, Stein; 0 Noes; 3 Absent: Simmons, Bedolla, Bradstreet,; 1 Abstain: Couzin

S. Dean asked for a notation that she voted yes in order to keep the item alive.

W. Bradstreet left the meeting at 8:34pm

5. Long Range Development Plan for UC Berkeley (Bedolla)*

Motion to hold this until next month: Dean

Second: Rader

Vote: 5 Ayes: Couzin, Rader, Dean, Degenkolb, Stein; 0 Noes; 3 Absent: Simmons, Bedolla, Bradstreet; 0 Abstain:

Discussion Items

6. City Budget Approval Including Measure GG

7. Berkeley Fire Code Updates (Staff)

8. Commission Home Page Resource List (Staff)

9. Letter from the Oakland Fire Safe Council on Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10*

10. Wildfire Joint Powers Agency for East Bay*

11. Future Agenda Items

a. Volunteer Involvement

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Couzin

Second: Dean

Vote: 5 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Degenkolb, Rader, Stein; 0 Noes; 3 Absent: Bedolla, Simmons, Bradstreet; 0 Abstain.

Adjourned at 9:30p