

DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

April 23, 2025

7:00 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Mayor's Appointee- Andy Katz

District 1 – Michael Wilson
District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet
District 3 – Todd Darling
District 4 – Robert Kinosian

District 5 – Shirley Dean
District 6 – Greg Murphy*
District 7 – Taj Herzer-Baptiste
District 8 – Theo Gordon**

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order: 7:16 pm
Present: Murphy, Gordon, Wilson, Herzer-Baptiste,
Late: Katz (7:16) Darling (7:18)
Absent: Dean, Kinosian, Bradstreet
Public Present: 5

Approval of the Agenda

*Discussion – switching Items 5 and 6
Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Public speakers: 5

1. Chairperson's Report – switch August 6th meeting
2. Fire Department Staff Report

REGULAR AGENDA MATTERS *All Regular agenda Matters are for discussion and possible action.*

- 3. Action:** Minutes of March 26, 2025 (Chair)
- Recommendation:** Approve the Draft Minutes of the March 26, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- Written Material:** DFSC 3/26/25 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes
- 4. Discussion/Action:** Fire Weather Outreach (Staff)
- Written Material:** PowerPoint Presentation
- 5. Discussion:** Review 2025/2026 Work Plan Groups (Murphy)
- Recommendation:** The commission reviews and provides input into the following draft workgroup plans for 2025-2026. Develop an ad hoc work group to further develop a draft plan for the 2025-2026 Work Plan based on the following potential groups and input from other commissioners.
- Written Material:** Possible 2025-2026 DFSC Work Plan
Public Comment: 3
- 6. Discussion/Action:** Review Understanding of Work Group Plans (Murphy)
- Recommendation:** Confirm Assignments and Work Group Plans
- Motion:** To form an ad-hoc work group to review everyone's proposal for the Work Groups as well as the commission comments and any input from staff and then draft a resolution for the May meeting. (Passed)
- Motion to approve: Gordon
- Second: Herzer-Baptiste
- Vote: Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon, Darling, Murphy
- Nays: 0
- Absent: Dean, Kinosian, Bradstreet
- Written Material:** Work Groups and Work Plans Document, 2023-2024 Work Plan
- 7. Discussion/Action:** Letter Regarding AB612 (Wilson)

The DFSC recommends that Council submit a letter to Assembly member Wicks, recommending that she work with her colleagues to revise AB 612 by (1) including mention of the role of fire departments in advancing street trauma prevention, alongside their role in ensuring effective and timely street trauma response; and (2) including definitions for the terms “negatively” and “response times.” We recommend that Council work with representatives of DFSC and the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (TIC) in developing the text of the letter

Recommendation: Approve Referral to City Council
Motion: Approve Referral to City Council and include Senator Arreguin (Not Passed)

Written Material: Commission Report Draft, Rogers AB612

Public Comment: 1

Motion to approve: Gordon
Second: Wilson
Vote: Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon
Nays: Darling, Murphy
Absent: Dean, Kinosian, Bradstreet

8. **Work Group Reports**

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan & Budget Oversight
- Home Hardening
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach
- Vision Zero

9. **Future Agenda Items and Next Steps**

- PIG/CPI Recommendation Memo to City Council
- Evacuation Study Update

*Chair

**Vice-Chair

Adjournment: By Acclamation 9:04pm

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE *Keith May* 5/28/2025