

DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

March 27, 2024

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 – Harrison Raine
District 8 – Theo Gordon

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

*Present: Wilson, Bradstreet, Dean, Kinosian, Raine, Murphy, Gordon, Katz
(arrived 7:16)*

Absent: Darling

LOA:

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion.

Motion to approve: Bradstreet

Second: Dean

Vote: Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Agenda Approved

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

*8 Public Attendees
Katz arrived 7:16 PM*

1. Chairperson’s Report – No Chair Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report

(Commissioner Dean asked if staff can add more data to show increase or decrease in number in the Call Volume Report)

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

- 3. Action:** Minutes of February 28, 2024
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the February 28, 2024 regular meeting.
Written Material: February 28, 2024 Draft Minutes

Presentation:
*Motion to approve: Dean (is it possible to include public speakers and a brief verbiage of their comments?)
Second: Gordon
Vote: Ayes: Nays: Abstain:
Approved!*

- 4. Discussion and Action:** Support The Request By The Fire Department To Fund a Program Manager II Position (Wilson)

Recommendation: The DFSC supports the request by the Fire Department (Department) to fund a Program Manager II position that will be responsible for building a Street Trauma Prevention (STP) program in the Department. This program is necessary to meet the City’s Vision Zero goal of eliminating severe and fatal traffic crashes by 2028.

Written Material: Fire Department Street Trauma Prevention (STP) Program

Wilson made a friendly amendment...”A Program Manager II is needed to establish and build the STP program. The STP program will coordinate with other City departments and commissions to integrate the Department’s perspectives

on both response and prevention into the City’s traffic safety projects related to Vision Zero and other policies.”

Kinosian – Talked about another about verbiage...why is this in it. Wilson -The Fire Chief raised last month requires a Mission Change in the Fire Department. We want to make sure that this in the operations and equipment decisions. Kinosian made a friendly amendment...” Research shows that street trauma can be reduced through hardened, engineered traffic controls.”
Much Commission discussion.

8 Public Speakers

Motion to approved the Recommendation as amended - Wilson

Second: Gordon

Vote: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, Dean, Raine, Gordon Ayes: Nays:

Abstain: Murphy

Approved

- 5. **Discussion:** Amendment of City Documents for a Definition of “Public Safety” (Dean)

Recommendation: That the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Safety Commission Recommends That The City Council Amend The Appropriate City Documents To Include a Definition of “Public Safety”

Written Material: Draft Report

Presentation:

After much Commission discussion... Raine asked that the two recommendations be separated and brought back to the Commission next month. The item was pulled by Dean until the next meeting.

2 Public Speakers

Motion to approve:

Second:

Vote: Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

THESE ITEMS SHOULD APPEAR AS THE LAST TWO AGENDA ITEMS - Weldon

- 6. **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

7. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Bradstreet

Second: Murphy

By acclamation at 9:14 PM

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Keith May*

5/28/2024