



Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR

March 21, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Submitted by: Jose Luis Bedolla, Chairperson, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Subject: 2022 Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

As directed by the City Council, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (DFSC) hereby submits its workplan for 2022.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On September 28, 2022, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission passed a motion to submit the attached annual commission work plan with final revisions on “cohorts” by Commissioner Bedolla. Motion: N. Rader; Second: W. Bradstreet; Vote: 7 Ayes: Bedolla, Rader, Dean, Bradstreet, Simmons, Degenkolb, Stein; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Cutler; Abstain:

BACKGROUND

On July 19, 2016, the City Council approved a consent item that directs Berkeley Commissions, with the exception of the Board of Library Trustees, the Zoning Adjustments Board, and the Design Review Committee, to submit a workplan to the City Council at the beginning of each fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Not applicable.

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Attachments:

1: 2022 Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Work Plan

Berkeley Disaster and Fire Safety Commission WORK PLAN – FY 2022-2023

Mission Statement

The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission serves as the public oversight body for Berkeley’s Measure GG and Measure FF funds, charged with reviewing the budget on a regular basis to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the intent of the voter approved measures, recommending the appropriate annual increase to the tax rate, and recommending new programs and policy positions requiring Measure GG and Measure FF funding. The ultimate goal of the Commission is to increase community safety, resilience, and education for community disaster preparedness. The Commission also reviews and makes recommendations on items referred by the City Council or other Commissions.

Summary of FY 2022-2023 Work Plan Activities

GOAL	Activities	Expected Outcomes	Commissioners
1. Plan & Budget Oversight	a) Review BFD materials on a quarterly basis b) Meet monthly as Finance ad hoc working group with FD to review monthly materials c) Track financial issues related to FF & GG with the City Council	a) Budget development plan b) Provide input of quarterly budget c) Provide annual budget recommendation City Council on FF & GG d) Provide recommendation to City Council on annual GG increases e) Provide City Council recommendation for midyear program corrections (ad hoc)	Rotating group of commissioners (based on availability) on a quarterly basis hosted by Chair / Chief
2. Home hardening	a) Lead review of monthly inspection report b) Review sessions with Fire Marshal c) Listening sessions with Building Department	a) Provide recommendation to City Council on annual inspection program targets b) Provide recommendation to City Council on building code modifications for Fire Safety (ad hoc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. Degenkolb • W. Bradstreet • S. Dean
3. Wildland-urban interface (WUI)	a) Participate in and promote CWPP process b) Provide input to CWPP consultant c) Review vegetation management program	a) Provide monthly report and input to CWPP working group team & report to commission b) Provide recommendation to City Council on CWPP report or additions/edits to report c) Provide recommendation to City Council on vegetation management program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. Rader • JL. Bedolla • T. Simmons

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4. Safe passages	a) Review previous safe passages program and its component parts (parking restrictions, red curb, notification alerts, evacuation planning) b) Meet with community members for intake c) Absorb CWPP report	a) Restart of Safe Passages Program b) Formation of team/committee to develop plan c) Provide recommendation to City Council on draft revised Safe Passages program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL. Bedolla • K. Cutler • A Stein
5. Community Outreach	a) Work with FD on educating the public on disaster and fire safety programs b) Coordinate / alert commission of potential outlets for information c) Follow / facilitate / support meetings with community groups d) Follow to conclusion external emergency speaker system e) Track Commission recommendations / status	a) Provide recommendation to City Council on mid-program changes to current communications plan b) Provide City Council recommendation into annual communications plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Dean • A. Stein • T. Simmons

