

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday September 22, 2021

Present: Jose Luis Bedolla, Paul Degenkolb, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet, Nancy Rader, Toby Simmons, Kim-Mai Cutler

Absent: Toni Stein,

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin, Abraham Roman

Public: 5 Attendees: Chris Cullander, Melissa Porter, Ray Yep, Brad, Jeffrey Lena

**Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Jose Bedolla said a group from the Berkeley Pathwanderers group said that October 17 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hills Fire and they will be hosting an evacuation walk event.

1. Fire Department Staff Report

**Outdoor Warning System**

- MOU with Zaytuna College being processed through City of Berkeley
- BUSD still in review of the MOU
- Staff Report to Council on September 28<sup>th</sup> Agenda requesting permission for City Manager to enter into a contract with Genasys for the OWS.

**Grizzly Peak Interagency Meeting**

Held on August 12, 2021

- Red Flag flip down signs that will be flipped up on Red Flag Days. Oakland DoT will be installing them along Grizzly Peak Blvd starting at Centennial & Grizzly Peak.
  - The top plate will read as shown in the picture RED FLAG DAY. The bottom plate will read NO PARKING ON GRIZZLY PEAK BLVD along with the Fire Code verbiage.



- Reported that there were logs removed at a turnout between Lomas Cantadas and Fish Ranch Rd.
- Report from NALCO Patrol Training found 1 Grizzly Peak turnout log moved.
  - Reported to UC Berkeley Team to replace

**Wildfire Evacuation - <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/WildfireEvacuation/>**

- Office of Emergency Services to hold several Evacuation Exercise Workshops leading up to a 2021 Fire Season Community Drill on October 9<sup>th</sup>

**PSPS**

**CERT**

- Designing a Hybrid Online CERT Class – Hoping to release in late October

**Other Impact Items:**

- Fire Dept. has been authorized to begin recruitment of our 111<sup>th</sup> Academy. We will be trying to hire 15 new firefighters.

<b>Fire Department Report by California Incident Type</b>
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## August 1 – September 14, 2021

<b>Fires</b> (structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,	43	8/3 structure fire on 3000 block Sacramento. Heavy smoke and flames upon arrival. Primary search found an elderly female unresponsive. Pt was transported but did not survive. Cause still under investigations.
<b>Encampment Fires</b> (structures, warming/cooking, debris)	10	
<b>Explosion</b> - no fire (overpressure ruptures, explosions)	1	
<b>Rescue &amp; EMS</b> (medical assist, vehicle accident	1,125	
<b>Hazardous Condition</b> - no fire (combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles)	62	
<b>Service Calls</b> (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)	130	
<b>Good Intent</b> (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)	154	
<b>False Alarm Calls</b> (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)	240	
<b>Severe WX</b> (lightening, wind storms)	0	
<b>Special Incidents</b> (citizen complaints)	1	

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,766</b>	
<b>Unit Utilization</b>	Apparatus Count	<b>3,777</b>

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

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of August 4, 2021\*

Motion to approve the minutes as revised: Dean

Second: Rader

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

Action Items

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

Motion to recommend that Council direct the Berkeley Police Department to enforce existing Berkeley Municipal Code in all Fire Zones: Dean

Second: Rader

Vote: 7 Ayes: Rader, Dean, Degenkolb, Cutler, Simmons, Bedolla, Bradstreet; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein;; 0 Abstain.

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

Motion to recommend that the City administer the funds separately from the general funds and with public review under the DSFC similar to FF and GG for the duration of the agreement: Dean

Second: Bradstreet

Vote: 7 Ayes: Rader, Dean, Degenkolb, Cutler, Simmons, Bedolla, Bradstreet; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein; 0 Abstain.

5. Recommendation to identify High Risk Areas that are exempt from State Imposed Housing Increases Due to Public Safety Considerations (Dean)\*

No action taken. Carried to next agenda.

6. Request for Measure FF Plan, Proposal for Permanent Agenda Item on Measure FF Implementation, and Proposed Formation of Informal Working Group on Measure FF Implementation (Rader)\*

Motion to: Rader

Second: Cutler

After discussion, motion was withdrawn by maker.

#### Discussion Items

7. Berkeley Fire Code Updates (Staff)
8. Wildfire Joint Powers Agency for East Bay (Bedolla)
9. Commission Home Page Resource List (Bedolla)
10. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Volunteer Involvement

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn: Bradstreet

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 7 Ayes: Rader, Dean, Degenkolb, Cutler, Simmons, Bedolla, Bradstreet; 0 Noes; 1

Absent: Stein,; Abstain:

Adjourned at 9:36p