

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
997 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Present: Paul Degenkolb, Gradiva Couzin, Shirley Dean, Ruth Grimes, Toby Simmons, Annie Bailey, Toni Stein, Jose Luis Bedolla

Absent: Bob Flasher (Excused)

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May

Public: Sarah Jones, Alina Constantinescu, Chris Cullander

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

G. Couzin called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Acclimation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services Staff Report

T. Simmons arrived at 7:04pm

The Emergency Services Coordinator position interviews will be held on July 23 and 25.

Council approved \$230,000 funding for a vegetation management program. The Fire Department will backfill a Captain position to bring in staff to develop the program and pursue grant funding.

CERT Academy held June 7-9 was well attended and successfully executed.

The City's General Plan Safety Element was updated with the Local Hazard Mitigation plan updates at the June 11 meeting.

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of May 22, 2019*

Motion approve minutes as revised: S. Dean

Second: P. Degenkolb

Vote: 7 Ayes: Degenkolb, Simmons, Couzin, Grimes, Dean, Stein, Bailey; 0 Noes; 0

Absent: Flasher; 1 Abstain: Bedolla

Action Items

Discussion Items

3. City Evacuation Workshops
4. Cal Fire Fuel Reduction Priorities Report
5. Status of Outdoor Public Warning System (Siren) Recommendation
6. Update on NOAA Weather Radio Distribution
7. Emergency Medical Services and First Responder Advanced Live Support (FRALS)
8. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: P. Degenkolb

Second: R. Grimes

Vote: 8 Ayes: Degenkolb, Simmons, Couzin, Grimes, Dean, Stein, Bailey, Bedolla; 0

Noes; 0 Absent: Flasher; 1 Abstain:

Adjourned at 9:06pm