

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
997 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

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

Absent: Toby Simmons

Staff: Khin Chin, David Brannigan, Stacie Clarke, Rachel Rodriguez, Katie Van Dyke, Katie Hawn, Jaime Albrecht

Public: Sarah Jones, Chris Cullander, Susan St. George, Eli Kaplan

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item 5 forward of Item 2.

Approved by Acclimation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Susan St. George said Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network hosted the East Bay Community Emergency Prep Fair on October 12 with help from Berkeley Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services. Thank you to all involved and special thanks to Gradiva Couzin, Sarah Jones and the Fire Department. They felt like it was successful in reaching new audiences and hope to have an even larger event next year. The next project is to get go kits to seniors and people with disabilities.

Chris Cullander reported on the NALCO Fire Patrols during the last fire weather event on October 9th and 10th. He also reported on the Berkeley Path Wanderers work on pathways. Additional Information: Handout NALCO Fire Patrols and Path Status.

Stacie Clarke provided an update on the Measure GG Budget. Additional Information: Handout – Measure GG Fund Forecast. FY 2019 Year End Budget Update.

1. Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services Staff Report Including Measure GG Budget Update

Thank you to BDPNN for the East Bay Community Prep Fair.

Katie Hawn was introduced as the new Emergency Services Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Services.

109th Firefighter academy with 6 recruits for Berkeley.

3 Firefighter paramedics left Berkeley to work in Fremont.

The City responded to the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff with an EOC activation that included an overnight shift. The response, as a whole, went very well.

Captain Dan Green is putting together the Fire Department vegetation management program. Funding for this project runs out in the February and March time frame. Grants or additional funding from city council is being discussed.

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes for Meeting of August 7, 2019*

Motion to approve minutes as revised: Couzin

Second: Bailey

Vote: 8 Ayes: Grimes, Stein, Flasher, Bailey, Couzin, Degenkolb, Simmons, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes; 1 Absent Simmons; 0 Abstain:

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for Meeting of September 25, 2019*

Tabled to next meeting.

Action Items

4. Council Referral to Update Seismic Transfer Tax Rebate Program for Sustainability Measures*
Presentation from Katie Van Dyke, Office of Energy and Sustainability.

R. Grimes left the meeting at 910p

5. 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update*

J. Bedolla Left the meeting at 755p.

J. Bedolla returned to the meeting at 756p.

Staff Recommendation to Disaster and Fire Safety Commission for adoption of the Final Draft of the 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion to recommend that City Council adopt the 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), and reminds Council of the LHMP's important role as part of the City's General Plan: to serve as a guiding document to ensure that hazard mitigation goals are integrated into all city planning decisions and activities, including land use decisions. This integration into the General Plan is described on page C-79 of the final draft 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: "As with prior LHMP updates, this Plan will be well-integrated into the City's existing and future plans and planning mechanisms.": Stein

Second: Dean

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

Noes; Absent Simmons; 0 Abstain:

Discussion Items

6. Measure GG Public Outreach Update

Staff presentation on Berkeley Ready Outreach from Rachel Rodriguez.

P. Degenkolb left the meeting at 940p

S. Dean left the meeting at 941p

7. Special Tax Assessment for Wildfire Prevention Possible Future Actions*

8. October's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) and Plans for Future PSPS's*

9. Report from Community Disaster Prep Fair

10. Public Outreach on Emergency Preparedness

11. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Bedolla

Second: Bailey

Vote: 5 Ayes: Stein, Flasher, Bailey, Couzin, Bedolla; 0 Noes; 4 Absent Grimes, Simmons, Degenkolb, Dean; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 9:45p

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