



**DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 25, 2023  
7:00 PM**

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Present: Mike Wilson, Andy Katz, Weldon Bradstreet, Shirley Dean, Robert Kinosian, Greg Murphy

Absent: Todd Darling, Harrison Raine, Theo Gordon

Staff: David Sprague, Leah Greenbaum

Public: 11 attendees

**AGENDA**

**Preliminary Matters**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of the Agenda**

*Item 11 held to next meeting*

*Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation*

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

*3 public speakers. A. Katz arrived at 7:10 pm*

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report\*  
Staff Report includes presentation on Fire Department FY23 Overview and FY24 Goals\* (Staff)

**Consent Items**

3. Minutes of September 27, 2023\*  
From: Commission Secretary  
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the September 27, 2023 Regular Meeting.

*Motion to approve as amended: G. Murphy*

*Second: A. Katz*

*Vote: 6 Ayes: A. Katz, M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. 0 Noes; 3 Absent: T. Darling, H. Raine, T. Gordon. 0 Abstain*

## **Action Items**

4. Send a Commendation Letter to Steve Greenberg for his years of service to the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program (Bradstreet)\*

*Motion to approve the presentation of a commendation letter to Steve*

*Greenberg: W. Bradstreet*

*Second: S. Dean*

*Vote: 6 Ayes: A. Katz, M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. 0 Noes; 3 Absent: T. Darling, H. Raine, T. Gordon; 0 Abstain*

*2 public speakers*

5. Provide a recommendation to City Council on the development of a plan that includes a feasibility study and identification of funding sources for constructing an emergency secondary access road on Panoramic Hill (Dean)\*

*A Katz proposed friendly amendments and made a motion that the Commission recommends to City Council the development of a feasibility study and identification of funding sources for constructing an emergency secondary egress road on Panoramic Hill.*

*Dean accepted the friendly amendments (consistency on reference to road and inclusion of additional stakeholders).*

*Second: Bradstreet.*

*Vote: 6 Ayes: A. Katz, M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. 0 Noes; 3 Absent: T. Darling, H. Raine, T. Gordon; 0 Abstain*

*1 public speaker provided additional documents that were sent to commissioners and added to Agenda packet after the meeting.*

*Dean will format letter on Council Action Report template and transmit to Chair Bradstreet.*

6. Provide recommendation to Council regarding separation of mixed-use pedestrian and e-bike pathways (Dean)\*

*Item held to next meeting.*

7. Request to merge action and discussion calendars under the title "Items for Discussion and Possible Action" (Dean)\*

*Item held to next meeting.*

## **Discussion Items**

8. New Commissioner Work Plan Participation\* (Bradstreet)

*Item held to next meeting.*

9. Clarification of recently approved ordinance on ADUs and JADUs\* (Dean)

*Item held to next meeting.*

10. Discussion on impact of increased density due to new developments along Shattuck/Adeline (Darling)

*Item held to next meeting.*

11. Discussion on biolabs and other large facilities, hazardous materials contained therein, and potential emergency response impacts and challenges (Dean)

*Though the item had been pulled earlier, Commissioner Katz requested brief discussion of this item with Fire Chief.*

## **Work Group Reports**

- Plan & Budget Oversight
- Home Hardening
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach

## Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

- Provide recommendation to Council regarding separation of mixed-use pedestrian and e-bike pathways (Dean)\*
- Request to merge action and discussion calendars under the title “Items for Discussion and Possible Action” (Dean)\*
- New Commissioner Work Plan Participation (Bradstreet)\*
- Clarification of recently approved ordinance on ADUs and JADUs (Dean)\*
- Send a Commendation Letter to Chief Sprague for the Master Facilities Plan (Dean)
- Discussion on biolabs and other large facilities, hazardous materials contained therein, and potential emergency response impacts and challenges (Dean)

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: W. Bradstreet

Second: R. Kinosian

Vote: 6 Ayes: A. Katz, M. Wilson, R. Kinosian, S. Dean, G. Murphy, W. Bradstreet. 0 Noes;

3 Absent: T. Darling; H. Raine. T. Gordon; 0 Abstain

## Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE