

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
997 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

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

Absent: Gradiva Couzin (Leave of Absence)

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May, Christina Erickson

Public: Sarah Jones, Chris Cullander, David Peattie, Ray Yep, Robert Krumme, Mark Gilligan, James Stevens, Nan McGuire, Gordon Wozniak

### **Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

A. Bailey called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item 5 before 4 before Item 3

Approved by Acclimation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Chris Cullander commented on Bill Springer's presentation at the CERT Volunteer meeting last week about flood hazard and said the take away was that anyone in Berkeley living near a stream should consider FEMA flood insurance. He also commented on City Council items from the previous evening on accessory dwelling unit regulations and Berkeley Fire Department's budget.

David Peattie said that on January 30, at 1606 Bonita Ave. at 630pm, BDPNN will be hosting a presentation on what to do in a power outage. Sam Freeman from Albany CERT will also talk about specific needs for those with disabilities. BDPNN is focusing on a program to get 2500 go-kits to seniors and people with disabilities.

#### 1. Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services Staff Report

The City Council Meeting on January 28 at 4pm, Berkeley Fire Department will be presenting a Fire and Emergency Services funding outlook.

The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission is invited to the next Fire Department Badge Pinning on February 21.

Fire Academy graduation will be on March 6.

The Fire Chief has suggested adding an item for Discussion to the February Commission agenda on the Wildfire Fire Code.

### **Consent Items**

2. Approval of Draft Minutes for Meeting of December 4, 2019\*

Motion to approve minutes as revised: Dean

Second: Bailey

Vote: 4 Ayes: Bailey, Couzin, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Couzin, Flasher 3

Abstain: Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes

### **Action Items**

3. Notification of Residency in Designated High Risk Fire Areas\*(Dean)

### **Discussion Items**

4. Phase 3 Study to Underground Utilities Wires in Berkeley\* (Flasher, Degenkolb)
5. Measure T1 - Update on Phase 1 and Information on Phase 2 Public Process\* (Staff)  
B. Flasher arrived at 7:35pm
6. Special Tax Assessment for Wildfire Prevention Possible Future Action\*
7. October's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) and Plans for Future PSPS's\*
8. Public Outreach on Emergency Preparedness (Bailey)
9. Referral from City Council: Amending Chapter 19.34 of the Berkeley Municipal Code to Expand Automatic Gas Shut-Off Valve Requirements in Multifamily, Condominium and Commercial Buildings Undergoing Renovations and to All Existing Buildings Prior to Execution of a Contract for Sale or Close of Escrow\*
10. Future Agenda Items

### **Adjournment**

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Grimes

Second: Dean

Vote: 7 Ayes: Grimes, Degenkolb, Simmons, Stein, Dean, Bailey, Bedolla; 0 1 Noes:

Flasher; 1 Absent: Couzin; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 911p