



**DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 27, 2023
7:00 PM**

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Present: Mike Wilson, Andy Katz, Weldon Bradstreet, Shirley Dean, Robert Kinosian, Theo Gordon, Greg Murphy, Harrison Raine
Absent: Todd Darling
Staff: Keith May, Leah Greenbaum, Sarah Lana
Public: 9 attendees

AGENDA

**Preliminary Matters
Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve minutes: G. Murphy

Second: T. Gordon

Vote: 5 Ayes: M. Wilson, A. Katz, W. Bradstreet, S. Dean, R. Kinosian, T. Gordon, G. Murphy, H. Raine; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: T. Darling; 0 Abstain

Raine arrived at 7:09 pm

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Public comment: 1

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report*

Consent Items

3. Minutes of August 2, 2023*
From: Commission Secretary
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the August 2, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes: S. Dean

Second: G. Murphy

Vote: 5 Ayes: M. Wilson, A. Katz, W. Bradstreet, S. Dean, R. Kinosian, T. Gordon, G. Murphy, H. Raine; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: T. Darling; 0 Abstain

4. Minutes of September 6, 2023*
From: Commission Secretary
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the September 6, 2023 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes: S. Dean

Second: T. Gordon

Vote: 5 Ayes: M. Wilson, A. Katz, W. Bradstreet, S. Dean, R. Kinosian, T. Gordon, G. Murphy, H. Raine; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: T. Darling; 0 Abstain

Action Items

5. Request that the Commission forward the Janice Thomas' August 27, 2023 letter "RE: State Fire Marshal's Recommendation For Panoramic Hill" to City Council, UC Berkeley President, and the UC President and Board * (Dean)
Public comments: 2

After discussion, Dean pulled this item from the action calendar and will draft a letter of support for the Commission to consider at the next meeting.

At the meeting, Ms. Thomas distributed printed materials to commissioners. Those materials were added to the online agenda packet after the meeting.

Discussion Items

6. Staff presentation on 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update process* (Staff)
Public comments: 3

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

Chair moved this item to next meeting.

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

Dean pulled item and requested Commission consider it as an action item at the next meeting. Dean will draft attachment for consideration at the next meeting.

9. Discussion to write a Commendation to Chief Sprague for the Master Facilities Plan (Dean)

Dean pulled item and requested Commission consider it as an action item at the next meeting. Dean will draft attachment for consideration at the next meeting.

10. Update on the City's progress of evaluating and regulating non-ductile concrete structures* (Murphy)

This item was not discussed at the meeting, but Commissioner Murphy offered a written report.

Work Group Reports

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

No workgroup report outs—pushed to next meeting due to time.

11. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

- Discussion regarding concerns about the recent State Housing and Community Development ruling which would increase density in Fire Zones 2 and 3 (Dean)
- Discussion on impact of increased density due to new developments along Shattuck/Adeline (Darling)

- Request that the Commission forward the Janice Thomas' August 27, 2023 letter "RE: State Fire Marshal's Recommendation For Panoramic Hill" to City Council, UC Berkeley President, and the UC President, City of Oakland, and Board of Forestry with a letter of support from the Commission (Dean)
- Discussion on biolabs and other large facilities, hazardous materials contained therein, and potential emergency response impacts and challenges (Dean)
- Discussion to write a Commendation to Chief Sprague for the Master Facilities Plan (Dean)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Motion to adjourn: G. Murphy

Second: S. Dean

Vote: 5 Ayes: M. Wilson, A. Katz, W. Bradstreet, S. Dean, R. Kinosian, T. Gordon, G. Murphy, H. Raine. 0 Noes; 1 Absent: T. Darling; 0 Abstain

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

Keith May

10/26/2023

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