

MINUTES  
Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
997 Cedar Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Present: Ruth Grimes, Victoria Legg, Robert Golomb, Gradiva Couzin, Bob Flasher, Paul Degenkolb, Sarah Jones, Daniel Griffin, Annie Bailey

Absent:

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May, Jennifer Lazo, Tanya Bustamante

Public: Mark Gilligan, Jette Winckler-Jensen, Neil Goldstein

**Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

P. Degenkolb called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by acclamation.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Robert Flasher said that there are 38 buildings out of compliance for soft-story retrofits.

1. Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services Staff Report

No significant fires.

April 15, there was a protest that initiated an activation of the Emergency Operations Center. Another protest tomorrow, April 27 will again activate our Emergency Operations Center.

1 Captain, 1 Apparatus Operator with 1 more to be announced and 1 new Fire Inspector has been hired.

Recruit for entry level firefighter closed on 4/17. 194 applicants.

Alameda County is looking to extend a 1 year contract with Paramedics Plus.

Apartment evacuation on Ashby Avenue due to gas and electrical exposure.

Turn out times, the time from a call into 911 to a crew goes en route, are being monitored and addressed.

Surveillance and Community Safety Ordinance will be on the Council agenda on May 2.

Item 42 on last night's Council agenda, Comprehensive Study of Emergency Services Call Center, Staffing and Development Systems was referred back to the City Manager and possibly to the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission.

The Emergency Operations Plan update was adopted at the last City Council meeting.

Jennifer Lazo presented on the status of the work by the two recently funded Measure GG positions, one in Fire Department and one in Public Health.

### **Consent Items**

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of March 22, 2017\*

Motion approve minutes as amended: G. Couzin

Second: R. Flasher

Vote: (9 Ayes: Grimes, Golomb, Legg, Flasher, Jones, Degenkolb, Couzin, Griffin, Bailey; 0 Noe; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain)

### **Action Items**

3. Measure GG Expenditure and Budget\*

### **Discussion Items**

4. Proposal to Expand the Community Emergency Response Team Program\*
5. Oakland Ghost Ship Warehouse Fire

6. Annual Commission Work Plan
7. Update on Utilities Undergrounding
8. Future Agenda Items

## **Adjournment**

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: R. Flasher

Second: S. Jones

Vote: (9 Ayes: Grimes, Golomb, Legg, Flasher, Jones, Degenkolb, Couzin, Griffin, Bailey; 0 Noe;; 0 Absent;; 0 Abstain:)

Adjourned at 9:20 pm