

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday February 24, 2021

Present: Ruth Grimes, Gradiva Couzin, Jose Luis Bedolla, Paul Degenkolb, Nancy Rader, Toby Simmons, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet

Absent: Toni Stein,

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin, Liam Garland

Public: 9 Attendees: Alina Constantinescu, Bob Flasher, Chris Cullander, David Peattie, Kelly Hammargren, Lin Due, Richard Thomason, Margo Schueler (Presenter), Ray Yep (Presenter)

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

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

S. Dean arrived at 7:03

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

David Peattie, from Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network (BDPNN) said BDPNN now has sales tax exempt status. Berkeley Food Network space will be used to make and store the go-kits for seniors and people with disabilities program. Visit BDPNNNetwork.org to find out more about this free supplies and disaster preparedness education program. Berkeley Mutual is doing amazing things and will share more about activities next time.

1. Fire Department Staff Report

Fire Department entry-level firefighter position interviews are underway. 180 candidates were moved from the application phase to interviews. 55 have moved to second round interviews.

900 block of Ashby and one on 8th street experienced small fires recently.

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of January 27, 2021*

Motion to approve as revised: Dean

Second: Couzin

Vote: 7 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Bradstreet, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bedolla, Simmons; 0 Noes;
1 Absent: Stein, 1 Abstain: Rader.

W. Bradstreet left the meeting at 7:25p

W. Bradstreet returned to the meeting at 7:40

Action Items

3. Annual Election of Officers

Open nomination for Chair.

Motion to nominate Jose Luis Bedolla for chair: G. Couzin

Second: S. Dean

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Rader, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bradstreet, Bedolla;
0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein, 0 Abstain.

Jose Luis Bedolla elected as Chair.

Open nomination for Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate Weldon Bradstreet as vice chair: R. Grimes

Second: S. Dean

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Rader, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bradstreet, Bedolla;
0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein, 0 Abstain.

Weldon Bradstreet elected as Vice Chair.

4. Commission Annual Workplan*

Motion to submit the Commission's Annual Workplan as revised regarding toxic waste items after a disaster: G. Couzin

Second: S. Dean

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Rader, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bradstreet, Bedolla;
0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein, 0 Abstain.

5. Measure FF Oversight Recommendation*

Motion to Recommend the Use Measure FF Funds as Intended by Voters for Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response, 9-1-1 Communications Services, Hazard Mitigation, and Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness; to Not Reduce General Fund Allocations Towards Fire Services; and to Support Effective Commission Oversight: G. Couzin

Second: P. Degenkolb

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Rader, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bradstreet, Bedolla; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein, 0 Abstain.

6. Forming a Subcommittee on Accessory Dwelling Units, Parking, and the Safe Passages Program

No action taken.

Discussion Items

7. Vision 2050 Presentation from Staff*
8. Cerritos Canyon
9. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: J. Bedolla

Second: P. Degenkolb

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Dean, Rader, Simmons, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bradstreet, Bedolla; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Stein, 0 Abstain.

Adjourned at 920p