

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday April 28, 2021

Present: Gradiva Couzin, Jose Luis Bedolla, Paul Degenkolb, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet, Toni Stein, Nancy Rader

Absent: Toby Simmons,

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin, Stacie Clarke, Abraham Roman

Public: 5 Attendees: Chris Cullander, David Peattie, Kelly Hammergren, Gio, Matt G

**Preliminary Matters**

Call to Order

J. Bedolla called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Approval of the Agenda

Withdraw Item 9.

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

David Peattie, from Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network (BDPNN) said BPDNN emergency go-kits are being assembled and will go to 1750 seniors and people with disabilities as an overall educational program. They are offering to host and invite BFD to speak to the community about measure FF and the priorities of that funding measure. David thanked Berkeley Fire Department for their response to a call for a friend who suffered a heart attack. Berkeley Fire arrived under 3 minutes and the friend is back home and recovering well.

1. Fire Department Staff Report

Structure fire on the 1000 block of 67<sup>th</sup> street. Residents were evacuated. 5 residents were displaced. The address is in Oakland and they will conduct the investigation.

May 17 is the start date for the next firefighter academy. 13 Berkeley firefighter candidates will start their training along with 3 candidates from Pinole Fire Department.

A Memorandum of Understanding for fire safety response on Grizzly Peak will be submitted for approval to City Council and will be on the June 1 Council agenda.

## **Consent Items**

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of March 24, 2021\*

Motion to approve as revised: Dean

Second: Bradstreet

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

## **Action Items**

### **Discussion Items**

3. Measure GG Budget Update (Fire Department)
4. Cost of Fully Funding Fire Department to Minimal Staffing Levels (Bedolla)
5. Measure FF Budget (Bedolla)
6. Berkeley Mutual Aid Presentation\*
7. Report from Planning Commission Meeting on Accessory Dwelling Units (Dean)
8. Density Ordinance for QuadPlexes and Berkeley's Fire Code (Bedolla)
9. Update on Memorandum of Understanding on Grizzly Peak Boulevard (Dean)
10. Possible formation of a Berkeley Fire Safe Council (Bedolla)
11. Transfer Tax for Home Hardening
12. Commission Home Page Resource List (Fire Department)
13. Future Agenda Items
  - a. SB 9 & SB 12 (Rader)
  - b. Outdoor Warning System Update (Staff)
  - c. Measure FF process (Couzin)
  - d. Vision 2050 Volunteer (Degenkolb)

- e. Measure GG Reimbursement from Covid-19 Response (Bedolla)
- f. Fire Department raising more funding? (Dean)
- g. CERT program restarting (Bradstreet)
- h. Disposal of Fire Department Apparatus (Bedolla)

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Bradstreet

Second: Stein

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

Adjourned at 915p