



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters

Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018

DATE: July 16, 2008

TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MINUTES for July 16, 2008

- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
 - Meeting began at approximately 4pm.
- 2.0 Consideration of approval of minutes (May 21, 2008)
 - Motion made by Nancy Carr-Gordon to approve minutes from May 21st, second by Kathleen Lineberry. Motion carried.
 - Correction to 5.4 – approved with correction made.
- 3.0 Oral communications (Items not on agenda)
 - None
- 4.0 Correspondence
 - Discussion of letter from foreperson of the Grand Jury as well as other correspondences
- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 Budget update
 - 5.1.1 08/09 Budget hearings outcome
 - 4th quarter billing has not come back yet
 - Everything passed at Budget Hearing
 - \$400,000.00 still remaining in budget due to later fire season, reduction in staffing and management of un-planned overtime
 - 5.2 Possibility of another 218 Election
 - Subcommittee will meet to discuss on August 26th 2008 at 5pm
 - 5.3 Aptos engines – deployment status
 - Denise has insured engines
 - Price for painting was \$15,000.00 less than anticipated
 - Engines are not equipped, will have to purchase equipment except for hose & some ladders
 - Plan is to keep engines at Felton as Reserve Engines so that they're maintained
 - Will decommission Engine 231 & Water Tender 31 – may be able to transfer some equipment from them
 - Need a plan by next meeting in September for disposal of decommissioned apparatus'
 - 5.4 ~~Results of research of county disbursements~~ – **REMOVED** (discussed at previous meeting).

- 5.5 Election subcommittee (Leman)
 - Election subcommittee to meet and discuss on August 26th 2008

- 5.6 Review of FDAC Internal Communication Process (Leman)
 - 5.6.1 Update on changing of ordinances pertaining to FDAC membership
 - Draft of Ordinance Amendment presented by Nancy Carr-Gordon
 - Section I, part C, number 1 of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion** made by Donita Springmeyer to invite an HSA representative to act as a voting member on FDAC
Motion seconded by: Nancy Carr-Gordon
Opposed: Alex Leman, Arnie Wernick, Mike Coryell and John Willett
Abstained: Kathleen Lineberry
 - **Motion failed:** 2 in favor, 4 opposed and 1 abstain
 - Section I, part C, number 2 of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion** made by John Willett to recommend that a representative of OES remain as a voting member on FDAC
Motion seconded by: Mike Coryell
In Favor: Kathleen Lineberry, Arnie Wernick, Alex Leman and Donita Springmeyer
Abstained: Nancy Carr-Gordon
 - **Motion passed:** 6 in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstain
 - Section I, part C, number 3 of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion** made by John Willett to recommend change from “County Fire/CAL FIRE” to “County Fire/Management Personnel of County Fire”
Motion seconded by: Arnie Wernick
In Favor: Alex Leman, Kathleen Lineberry, Mike Coryell, Nancy Carr-Gordon and Donita Springmeyer
 - **Motion passed unanimously**
 - **Motion:** made by Arnie Wernick for County Fire Management Representative to remain as voting member on FDAC
Motion seconded by: Mike Coryell
In Favor: Alex Leman, John Willett, Donita Springmeyer, Nancy Carr-Gordon
Opposed: Kathleen Lineberry
 - **Motion passed:** 6 in favor and 1 opposed
 - Section I, part C, number 4 of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion** made by Nancy Carr-Gordon that Volunteer Company Officers should remain as voting members on FDAC.
Motion seconded by: Kathleen Lineberry
In Favor: Alex Leman, Arnie Wernick, Donita Springmeyer, John Willett and Mike Coryell
 - **Motion passed unanimously**
 - Section I, part C, number 5 of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion:** made by John Willett to change number 5, to “Recognized labor organization representing career fire fighters providing service for County Fire.”
Motion seconded by: Mike Coryell
In Favor: Kathleen Lineberry, Nancy Carr-Gordon, Donita Springmeyer, Alex Leman and Arnie Wernick
 - **Motion passed unanimously**
 - No changes made to parts A & B of Section II of Proposed Ordinance
 - Section II, part C of Proposed Ordinance

- **Motion**: made by Arnie Wernick to recommend FDAC meets once every two months
Motion seconded by: Mike Coryell
In Favor: Kathleen Lineberry, Donita Springmeyer, Nancy Carr-Gordon, Alex Leman and John Willet
- **Motion passed unanimously**
- Section II, part D of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion**: made by Arnie Wernick for recommendation that a quorum be six people for FDAC meetings which require a vote to be acted on.
Motion seconded by: John Willett
In Favor: Nancy Carr-Gordon, Donita Springmeyer, Kathleen Lineberry, Alex Leman and Mike Coryell
 - **Motion passed unanimously**
- No changes made to section III, part A, numbers 1 – 4 of Proposed Ordinance
- Section III, part A, number 5 of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion**: made by Nancy Carr-Gordon to change number 5, to “Such other matters relating to the county’s fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services program as the Commission desires to bring to the attention of the board of supervisors.”
Motion seconded by: John Willett
In Favor: Arnie Wernick, Alex Leman, Kathleen Lineberry and Donita Springmeyer
Abstain: Mike Coryell
 - **Motion passed**: 6 in favor and 1 abstain
- Section III, part B of Proposed Ordinance
 - **Motion**: made by John Willett to recommend change to part B, so that it reads, “In discharging its duties, the Commission shall not consider specific personnel matters, including the appointment, promotion, discipline or termination of staff or volunteers.”
Motion seconded by: Arnie Wernick
In Favor: Donita Springmeyer, Nancy Carr-Gordon, Kathleen Lineberry, Alex Leman, and Mike Coryell
 - **Motion passed unanimously**

5.7 Discussion - FDAC response to Grand Jury report

- Responses due to CAO’s office by 8/15
- Concerns about timing can be expressed to Dina Phillips
- Will have special meeting regarding responses on Tuesday July 29th

6.0 Information Reports

6.1 Fire Chief (Chief Ferreira)

6.1.1 Update on recent fire activity

- Summit Fire – Huge response from all agencies involved in and Santa Clara is investigating the cause of the fire. Good success no injuries.
- Zayante Fire – Good response
- Bonny Doon Fire – Huge response, technical difficulties early on. Lots of community meetings, good response by local volunteer company. Sheriff’s office did good job with evacuations and animal evacuations.
- Trabling Fire – 26 houses and outbuildings lost. More organized and were able to move quicker with this fire.

- 6.1.2 Update on public information work with Planning, Environmental Health, and Natural Resource Conservation District
- Good time to get cooperation from other agencies within the county. Natural Resource Conservation District has grant money and has started working on grant ideas.

- 6.1.3 Update on staffing
- Presently at 5 engines total, staffing some county engines, 9 engines are out. 4 person staffing on the five engines.

7.0 Roundtable

- Mike Coryell – Busy on all fronts, call volume has gone up. Feeling stretched and fatigued like everyone else.
- John Willett – ECC doesn't count some calls so there is discrepancy in actual calls and calls recorded. We have to get a system to where there are no gaps and/or duplications.
- Arnie Wernick – Applied for safer grant for recruitment and retention. Contacted CSFA and put in touch with insurance broker. Everybody had an option to get in on it if they wanted to move on it.
- Nancy Carr-Gordon – Been really busy
- Kathleen Lineberry – SCFAIG meeting for insurance, cost is going up \$200.00 per individual
- Donita Springmeyer – Question about paperwork submitted for damage done at Martin Station
- Alex Leman – Nothing

8.0 Adjournment/set next regular meeting

- Motion to adjourn by John Willett, motion seconded by Arnie Wernick. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 17th from 4 – 6pm at Felton HQ.

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