



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE/Santa Cruz County Fire (virtual)
DATE: July 21, 2021
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
PUBLIC ACCESS: MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

LINK: Click here to join meeting: [Join Teams Meeting \(FDAC\)](#)

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DRAFT MINUTES

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm

Present:

Volunteer Firefighters Representative/Chair:	Doug Aumack
Second District Representative:	Carey Pico
Fifth District Representative/Co-Chair:	Arnie Wernick
Office of Emergency Services Manager:	Michael Beaton

Absent:

First District Representative:	Vacant
Fourth District Representative:	John Walker
Third District Representative:	Janet Webb

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

A. None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2021

Motion: Pico

Motion Seconded: Aumack

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Walker, Webb

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION (ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA)

(3 minutes per person)

A. None

V. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION (ITEMS ON AGENDA)

(3 minutes per person)

A. Ms. Abby Young voiced her concerns that more funding should be provided to training.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. None

VII.

BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. The future of Santa Cruz County Fire (Wernick)-Presentation highlighting various goals/issues.
- B. Motion made to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review with CAL FIRE Officials the role that the potential administrative BC would play in improving Volunteer recruitment.
Motion: Beaton
Motion Seconded: Pico
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Walker, Webb
- C. Continue discussion of adding a paid BC administrative position to work with County volunteers (Wernick)-Duties discussed, need Ad Hoc findings to move forward.
- D. Prescriptive fires (Pico)-Discussed exploring grant options for funding.
- E. Wildfire safety update (Wernick)-Will post links online.
- F. Discuss availability of resources that provide a review of the CZU Lightning Fire (Aumack)-Referred to Youtube recordings of presentations already provided to community.
- G. Advise Commissioners to review articles and prepare for discussion in next FDAC Meeting (Aumack):
 - i. http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2021_final/8_AfterCZU_Report.pdf
 - ii. http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Portals/0/County/GrandJury/GJ2021_final/2_CityWildfire_Report.pdf
- H. Budget topics
 - i. Bi-monthly budget status report (Beaton)
- I. Updates from Commissioners:
 - i. Recruitment Subcommittee (Aumack)
 - a. Five submissions inquiring.
 - b. Need to get commissioners assigned to vacant seats.
 - ii. Volunteer Company Officers Representative (Aumack)
 - a. May have course on safety of apparatus available soon.
- J. Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Report (Armstrong)-Chiefs unavailable to give report due to being assigned on fires.
- K. Announcements

VIII.

ADJOURNMENT AT 5:56 PM

Motion: Pico
Motion Seconded: Wernick
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Walker, Webb

Set next regular meeting – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:00 pm, location TBD.

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