

# Aspen Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors Special Meeting March 24, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for a special meeting. The meeting was open to the public in person and virtually via Zoom.

### **Meeting called to order by John at 5:03pm**

#### **Roll Call:**

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Denis Murray, Steve Wertheimer, Michael Buglione, Dave "Wabs" Walbert
- Board of Directors Absent:
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Rick Balentine, Jake Andersen, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Marc Zachary
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon

#### **Aspen Fire Place Housing Review:**

- A draft of the housing lease was included in the board packet. A copy has been sent to the attorney for review.
- There was discussion of upkeep in common areas and what responsibility tenants may have.
- Utilities have not been added to the lease, this is still being worked out.
- The board would like to see tenants sign up with APCHA within 30 days of lease and move-in, rather than wait until renewal. Member would not necessarily need to take a unit if they win, if it doesn't meet their needs.
- The board discussed termination of members. They would like to reduce it from 30 days to move out to 3 days minimum. Karl Hanlon will research to verify statutory requirements. They would also like to see some terminology in regards to ADA.
- It was suggested the housing committee meet from time to time to review qualifications and other items that come up.
- In regards to qualifications/member in good standing, change wording from "may" to "must" as it pertains to what qualifications are needed in addition to regular requirements.
- The board gave direction to add verbiage to include other AFPD members after emergency response within the organization, prior to outside agencies. List as priority 2.
- It was agreed to charge rent of \$700 per room for outside agencies.
- There was discussion if a single firefighter could qualify for multi-bedroom and what that may look like.

#### **Property Management:**

- Direction to staff was to get pricing from companies and compare with hiring of one internal person to include all properties.

#### **Aspen Village:**

- Staff was asked at previous regular meeting to come up with a needs assessment. The officers felt that a training facility was needed more than additional housing. Denis discussed conversation had with

Roaring Fork Fire board member about collaborating with their agency on training facility. There is some land to create a regional training facility in El Jebel. There is a feeling from officer group to have something closer up valley to train on a weekly basis. Staff proposed a Class B facility and something to throw ladders against and potential for other training needs. It was suggested the board tour some other training facilities.

- Rick asked for direction as to moving forward. At last meeting agreed to get assessment of property and alternatives for housing. It was discussed that Denis come back at next meeting with some options with site plan to maximize housing on this parcel. It was agreed to table to next meeting and direct staff to talk to people about shared facility or build one and what timeline looks like. Rick mentioned that part of strategic plan and budget was to do Standard of Coverage and these will be things they are looking at.
- There was discussion of pausing drawing up Aspen Village to explore other needs and meet with Roaring Fork Fire as it relates to the training facility.

**MOTION: Motion by Wabs to adjourn at 6:56pm. Denis second.  
Vote: All approved.**

**\*\*\* A full recording of this meeting can be requested by contacting the District Administrator at [nikki.lapin@aspenfire.com](mailto:nikki.lapin@aspenfire.com) or by calling 970-925-5532.**