

Aspen Fire Protection District



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Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by Karl Adam at 5:03pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Karl Adam, Stoney Davis, Denis Murray, Dave (Wabs) Walbert (via phone), John Ward
- Absent:
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Connor Casey, James Gordon, Mike Haman, Thom Barr, Charlie Curtis, Anthony Lewin, Michael Holmes
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Chris Bendon (BendonAdams), Reilly Thimons (BendonAdams), Megan Tackett (Aspen Daily News), Jason Auslander (Aspen Times)

Approval of Action Items/Minutes (5:04pm):

- **Motion by Stoney to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on July 9th, 2019.** Discussion: Minutes should reflect the \$36,000 donation for solar panels at Starwood Station is the value, the actual donation is \$17,000. The contract is in packet for review. The Certificate of Occupancy for Starwood should be done August 13th by end of day. Contract will need to be signed. Karl A. noted he was in attendance via phone. **Karl A. second. All approved.**

Chris Bendon (BendonAdams) North 40 Housing Update (5:06pm)

- Chris gave an overview on the meeting for public outreach, along with a mini presentation on the site plan as David Brown was not able to make it. There were two public outreach meetings; one internally and the other for North 40 residents and the public.
- Chris reviewed some of the comments that came out of the survey performed.
- Units and Density Discussion (6:06pm): There was discussion amongst the board as to number of units and density. The board requested the housing committee look at different options with and without the green space, to include schematics and cost comparison, while considering setbacks.
- Daycare: There was discussion on whether or not to build for the potential of daycare in the future. If the multi-use space is not designed now for daycare requirements, it will not be something available to add in the future.
- Hiring of Owner Rep (6:25pm): Two options were presented to the board. The Housing Committee is neutral, both would be good. Paul Broome is a one man show and the other company did the Starwood project. Karl H. will draft contracts. It was suggested putting a termination agreement in. **Motion from John to hire Paul Broome. Karl A. second. 3-1. Motion approved. Wabs sustained as he was unable to hear the conversation via phone.**
- Project Loan (6:29pm): Rick is working on getting bids. The board will hold a **Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 21st at 11:30am** to discuss loan options and meet with housing committee.

Community Outreach Project (6:37pm):

- Operations Steering Committee Report Update: Karl A. responded to the committee's need for answer on report presented in April. The board has a lot to think about and digest on the future direction of the district. Rick has been given direction by the board to hire a training officer. Karl commented that the housing project needs to take priority and focus at this time. There is more conversation to have with future hiring of paid firefighters. Karl A. suggested revisiting in quarter four. Fiscally at board level Karl would like to focus on shoring up the balance sheet and building significant asset with housing for future of the district.
- Rick provided four company bids for community outreach. Chris Bendon of BendonAdams gave overview of what that would look like from his company.
- (6:51pm) Several members of Aspen Fire expressed their comments and concerns.
- (7:11pm) Rick talked about need for dedicated staffing and requested direction from board. There may be a need to go to volunteers and do dedicated staffing. Ken suggested the board have a firm come in and look at our current performance. These are independent companies. There was further discussion of LOSAP.

Good of District (7:16pm)

- Starwood Station: James Gordon and Jacob Arywitz are in the process of moving in. There will no longer be rent applied. This was a push back from Starwood.

Financials (7:19pm)

- FPPA Actuarial: The actuarial study was included in board packet. Outstanding unfunded liability went from \$1.6 million to \$1.4 million. If we pay down with current budgeted contribution of \$500,000 to \$600,000 we can pay it down in three years.

Board Comments/Action Items:

- Solar Panel Contract (7:23pm): **Motion by Stoney to approve contract for solar panels. Denis Second.** Discussion: Denis gave program overview and how the donation came to be. **All approved.**
- Public Comment (7:26pm): Karl A. requested that everyone be cognizant of their questions and comments when reporters are present.

Old Business

- Airport MOU (7:27pm): Karl H. presented history of getting MOU in place over the past three to four years. It was suggested Karl and Stoney reach out to Greg Poschman for meeting. Rick is scheduled to meet with John Peacock on August 15th.

Motion by John to adjourn meeting at 7:34pm. Denis second. All approved.

* Full recording of this meeting is available upon request to the District Administrator or on the website at www.aspenfire.com.