

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm by Karl

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors: Karl Adam, Denis Murray, John Ward, Stoney Davis, Dave Walbert
- Absent:
- Staff/Volunteers: Rick Balentine, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Parker Lathrop, Josh Burnaman, Jason Lasser, Mike Lyons
- Public/Others: Anna Ittenberg (Attorney for AFD)

Public Comment:

- Jack Wheeler, City of Aspen Capital Asset: Jack was invited by Denis to discuss ideas for employee housing and how the City could help in the process. The City may be interested in partnering on this project. The City currently manages 300,000 to 400,000 square feet of employee housing. Jack gave an overview of the current city housing projects. The city can help with the building of project, along with management of the housing. The board agreed that further discussion should be had.
- Mike Lyons: Recently attended Planning & Zoning meeting in regards to Aspen Ambulance barn. Mike mentioned that after the meeting homeowner from Meadowwood was walking out and was told by Sheriff that Aspen Fire doesn't want to talk to Pitkin County at all about Aspen Ambulance building, so it will be built. Mike suggested taking out ad in paper that says, "Pitkin County and Aspen Ambulance, we would like to talk to you, we could save you \$7 million dollars, call us".
- Rick mentioned there was further research done on property at North 40 and the F.A.R. is not 29,000, it is 19,600. This will be max allowed to build. The number being used with soft cost is \$695/square foot. If the board moves forward, Rick will work on getting that number hardened up. Rick and Jason Lasser have met with a couple architects

Approval of Minutes:

Motion from John to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on March 21, 2018 as amended. Karl Second. All Approved.

Rick commented on parking based on minutes from last meeting. Parker and Rick have met with parking department. They are getting stricter. They would like board members to have separate parking pass and only allowed to park out front of station. They will be moving to electronic scanning in the future.

Good of District:

- Honor Guard presented colors and retired colors at DAV event. Received compliments from military members. Many helped with loading/unloading of planes. Rick commented how rewarding this event is.
- Honor Guard will be filmed, along with firehouse Chef(s) during event here on Saturday, June 16th during Food & Wine weekend. The Honor Flag will be here. This is very famous flag that goes around country. This will be a fundraiser with a surprise celebrity chef.

Board Member Comments & Action Items:

- Rick presented board with packet prior to meeting outlining operational recommendations. If board moves forward with 1.25 mill levy, Rick can move forward with talking to staff/volunteers about housing and other operational items.

Motion by Karl to move to Executive Session: (§24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.), conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. Dave Second. All Approved.

At 6:40pm, Board members, along with attorney, came out of Executive Session.

Following Executive Session, Rick asked the board for confirmation that they were in agreement to move forward on mill levy increase for housing and capital replacement plan. The board directed Rick to further explore the staffing component with staff/volunteers.

- Starwood Substation IGA and Resolution: Resolution was approved at last meeting. Rick will get Karl A. to sign IGA agreement.

Financials:

- Paul Backes will be at next board meeting to go over the audit.

CEO/Fire Chief

- Wildfire Intern Program: Information was included in the board packet. Aspen Fire is currently looking for two interns. They will live at North 40 and be placed on payroll and covered by worker's comp. They will have S130/S190 and be provided with proper PPE. When they are not working for Aspen Fire, they will be assisting County and City parks department(s) and/or HOAs.
- Wildfire Season Planning: Starting to receive many calls. Staff has attended many meetings in regards to wildfires and prevention.
- Critical Needs Strategic Planning: Rick will bring further information to the rest of the department, gather feedback and report back to board. Rick will work on getting feedback before May election.
- Architect Committee: John Ward would like to be part of this. Rick will work on getting meetings set up. Currently, Rick has spoken to four architects. As discussed earlier, Lipkin Warner did some research on the FAR and provided design.

Old Business:

- Airport MOU: Rick met with John Kenney April 10th. They presented an MOU, however was not what we are looking for. Eagle airport requires firefighters to be full Firefighter II and EMT. We have offered them to train with us. We have made offer to help in any way we can. Rick expressed concern there is no MOU and if something happens Aspen Fire has potential liability.
- Alarm Companies: There was alarm company meeting on March 22nd. State Alarm Association, along with their attorneys, were present. Aspen Fire will be setting precedence on how fees and enforcement is handled. Several companies were present. Staff feels we are legally in our rights. Most alarm companies agreed that we can charge if their technicians fail to put on test or there is unscrupulous practice. Across board, they would like to see us go with permit fee, similar to Aspen Police and create alarm registrations. There are third party companies that will manage this process. The average test and inspection is between \$400-\$700. Parker reviewed what is required of test and inspections. Rick would like to get Karl Hanlon's opinion and discuss further at next meeting.

- Grand Junction Property: There is contract for full price offer. Rick will bring resolution to sign. There was some information recorded incorrectly in 2011, saying AFPD owes \$384,000. There may be warranty dead that will clear this up. They have until July to do due diligence.
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New Business

- Blood draw will be April 17th 9:30am - 2:00pm.

Motion from John to adjourn. Stoney second. All approved.