

Aspen Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 11, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Aspen Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by John at 5:03pm

Roll Call:

- Board of Directors Present: John Ward, Denis Murray, Stoney Davis, Dave (Wabs) Walbert, Michael Buglione
- Board of Directors Absent: None
- Staff/Volunteers Present: Rick Balentine, Parker Lathrop, Jan Schubert, Nikki Lapin, Mike Haman, Arnold Nimmo, James Gordon, Jacob Arywitz, Ken Josselyn, Thom Barr, Erin Smiddy
- Public/Others: Karl Hanlon, Rick Crandall, Kurt Hollinger

Approval of Action Items/Minutes:

MOTION: Michael motioned to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on July 14th, 2020 and Special Meeting on July 30. Wabs second. All approved.

Starwood HOA, Rick Crandall and Kurt Hollinger:

- Rick Crandall presented a letter to the board from the Starwood HOA in regards to the relationship between Aspen Fire, Starwood Metro and Starwood HOA. There was much discussion between the two parties in regards to expectations and if stationkeepers should be charged rent.
- James Gordon expressed that in addition to their volunteer duties, they are providing mitigation assessments, preplans, hydrant testing and now getting paged to EMS calls.
- Rick Balentine will put a recommendation together for the next meeting in regards to shifts and rent.

President, AVFD Inc.:

- No updates.

Public Comments:

- No public comments.

Good of District:

- Staffed stations started August 2nd. Staging is at Station 62 currently for the first month as a way for everyone to get comfortable.
- Grizzly Creek Fire: We have received a request for a Tender.

North 40 Housing Project:

- Karl Hanlon and Chris Bendon are working on the presentation for BOCC meeting and discussed the traffic study. There was a request in the staff letter for \$100,000 toward traffic improvements. Board discussed different offers to the traffic improvement such as car share or purchasing e-bikes.

MOTION: Denis made a motion that we reaffirm that our measurement in the resolution was from plaza deck as level 100 to the top of the roof face of the building 28 feet. John second. All approved.

MOTION: Wabs made a motion that the boards preference with regards to traffic mitigation related to the area of state interest, that is the state highway, is to contribute \$50,000 to an actual project that is executed within the next 12 months plus the acquisition of five E-bikes to be used by residents onsite. Bikes will be onsite at time certificate of occupancy is issued. If the E-bike alternative is not acceptable we will be willing to increase the capital contribution to the \$100,000 identified. Denis second. All approved.

- The energy component may require significant plan changes. If this gets passed at the BOCC meeting, Rick requested a special meeting to discuss design and how we will comply with the energy code.
- It was decided to have a special meeting, Monday, August 17th at 11:30am to discuss RFP for North 40 housing project and energy code design revisions.

Financials:

- 2021 Budget Draft: Staff will work on draft for next regular meeting and revisions to 2020 budget.
- There was a down payment made on the roof for Station 62

Board Member Action Items/Comments:

- Karl Hanlon gave an overview of the Tabor/Gallagher Amendment and whether it could affect the district. The district can decide if it wants to de-Gallagherize, but would need to be put to a public vote.
- Denis would like to see job descriptions for the new hires and a copy of the handbook. The handbook is currently being revised to include career firefighters.
- Parker gave an overview of the volunteer integration, shifted program and legacy program. Denis would like to see an outline of the transition and how we incentivize the volunteers.

Training Report:

- Included in the board packet was a training report. Aspen Fire participated in a training at the airport. There was good interaction between ARFF and our firefighters. New firefighters have been over for meet/greet. Staff is working on increasing communication with ARFF. The Airport MOU was signed last week.

Chief/CEO Report:

- Rick is getting the message out that volunteers are part of the crew, all staff are equal.
- Received COVID grant from DOLA for approximately \$20,000.
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Old Business

- Airport MOU: This was addressed under training.

- SAFER Grant: There is still no word. Rick suggested pulling the application out for paid firefighters.
- Strategic Planning: John received an estimate from Stephanie Zaza that was used by APCA. Rick will get one from ESCI and Chris Bendon.

New Business:

- COVID Protocols: Temperature checks are not required when entering at Station 61 and Station 62.

MOTION: Motion from Stoney to adjourn at 6:58pm. Michael second. All approved.

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