MINUTES
April 15, 2019

The Advisory Fire Commission met at a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Rojanasathira called the meeting to order, and Jackie Lorrekovich, Chief of Administrative Services, led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Lisa Bartley – At Large Alternate #1
Richard “Tom” Chapman – At Large #2
Mike Egan – At Large #1
Walter Fields – At Large Alternate #2
Debra Galey – District IV
Nat Rojanasathira – District V

Fire Chief: Lewis T. Broschard III

Absent: Erel Betser – District I
Matthew Guichard – District II
Darran Mazaika – At Large Alternate #3

CONFIRE’S 10,000 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HANDS ONLY CPR INITIATIVE

Fire Chief Broschard and Assistant Chief Carey introduced Fire Captain Ken Loo who is co-managing this initiative to train, this fall, every high school student in the Fire District to save lives in our communities using simple Hands Only CPR. Each of the commissioners had the opportunity to participate in the training which includes a fun video and a practical exercise using a mannequin.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Addiego Silvio and Sheila Tre did not attend the meeting.

B. Mr. Chung Jin Park, for the third time, appeared before the Commission to appeal the weed abatement fees charged to him by the Fire District for parcel number 248-120-010. After hearing Mr. Park again, Commissioner Fields made a motion to deny Mr. Park’s appeal and to preclude the Commission from hearing further appeals from Mr. Park without the recommendation of District staff. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bartley. Said motion carried by a unanimous vote (AYES: Bartley, Chapman, Egan, Fields, Galey, Rojanasathira; ABSENT: Betser, Guichard, Mazaika).
PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED BUDGET REPORT – FY 2019/20

Fire Chief Broschard presented to the Commission the PowerPoint presentation that was prepared for and previously presented to the Board of Directors. Both Fire Chief Broschard and Chief Lorrekovich responded to questions.

CONSENT ITEMS

A. February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

B. Accept and File Reports:
   1. Personnel Report
   2. Operating Budget
   3. Fire Prevention Report
   4. Monthly Activity Reports
   5. Suppression Leave Summary
   6. Correspondence

Commissioner Fields made a motion to accept and file reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner Egan. Said motion carried by a unanimous vote (AYES: Bartley, Chapman, Egan, Fields, Galey, Rojanasathira; ABSENT: Betser, Guichard, Mazaika).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Declaration of Surplus Equipment – Report of April 3, 2019

Commissioner Fields made a motion to approve the surplus of equipment listed on the declaration report of April 3, 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chapman. Said motion carried by a unanimous vote (AYES: Bartley, Chapman, Egan, Fields, Galey, Rojanasathira; ABSENT: Betser, Guichard, Mazaika).

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Reviewed/discussed the April 15, 2019 Fire Chief's report.
COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS / ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Commissioner Chapman requested a presentation on weed abatement in the near future to get everyone up to speed on how inspections are done, timing, and what paperwork is involved.

Commissioner Rojanasathira reiterated that if an appeal is denied, the appellant cannot be heard again without the recommendation of District staff.

Commissioner Galey again suggested that the District develop a process for weed abatement appeals which would include a form to facilitate clear communication of an appellant’s reason for appeal. She also asked about any legal parameters within which the District must abide.

Chief Bachman expressed that he is working on this and hopes to altogether eliminate some of these appeals.

Commissioner Fields requested more information in the future about the REACH program as well as ongoing updates on the ambulance program. He also asked that as we achieve more success, the District make sure that the EMS system benefits non-fire personnel as well.

Commissioner Rojanasathira asked about the District’s auto aid agreement with East Contra Costa Fire. Chief Broschard said the agreement has been signed and will be effective on May 1. We must maintain minimum coverage in Battalion 8. Auto aid requests will be filled if there are units available. Otherwise, they will receive mutual aid. Auto aid will be given for Delta and Echo calls; but ambulance only for Bravo and Charlie calls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Latonia Ellingberg, Recording Secretary