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Meeting Minutes

July 16 2020

1. Preliminary

- 1.1. Location/Call to order: Ms. Carlon called to order the regular meeting of the GGFPD Board at 7:00 pm via telephone conference call.
- 1.2. Welcome audience
- 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4. Roll call indicated a quorum was present with Ms. Carlon, Mr. Patton, Mr. Agar, Mr. Trost, Dr. Kinnard. Chief DiFeo was not present.
- 1.5. Additions and deletions to the Agenda: Add 2.3: approve May minutes. Add 5.2: document review.

2. Public Agenda

2.1. Public Comment

- Terri Costeldia commented that the Grange and Auxiliary are looking forward to the Slash event.
- Dee Dee Ramstetter reiterated the Grange is available for our board meetings.

2.2. Approval June 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion #1** by Mr. Patton to approve June 28 minutes. 2nd by Mr. Trost. Vote: 5 yes.
Motion passed.

2.3. Approval May 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion #2** by Mr. Patton to approve May 21 minutes. 2nd by Dr. Kinnard. Vote: 5 yes.
Motion passed

3. Committee Reports

3.1. Treasurer's Report

- See <https://www.goldengatefire.org/minutes-and-financials/> for report.
- Open issues/summary of discussion: Nothing significant to report

3.2. Chief's Reports

- See <https://www.goldengatefire.org/minutes-and-financials/> for reports.
- Open Issues/summary of discussion: Report read by Mr. Patton. Nothing significant to report

3.3 Strategy Committee Update

- Dr. Kinnard reviewed committee activity to date, noting the importance of the community's awareness of personnel and funding problems via means beyond a

newsletter and board minutes. The committee proposed that the board allocate monies to fund an informational postcard which would cost roughly \$400-\$500.

- Ms. Carlon explained to members at large that we need to be better at communicating with our district.
- Dr. Kinnard noted there is a deep reservoir of distrust because the community is not adequately informed. This postcard is an extra step to help the community be aware of concerns and should help with generating support.
- **Motion #3** by Mr. Patton to allocate funds for a mailer. 2nd by Ms. Carlon. Vote: 5 yes. **Motion passed.**
- Next committee meeting will be in August at Station 2.

4. Old Business

4.1. Easements with Grange

- This is back in the County's hands. Parties will be notified when the easements are ready to be finalized.

4.2. Personnel Policy (FD)

- Noted the Manual received an extensive revision from the attorney a month ago.
- Ms. Carlon noted the main concern that this is a manual that people must adhere to but it is not a legal document. The attorney pointed out that we can't force people to adhere to this because they are volunteers which resulted in changes to the verbiage and addition of definition of terms i.e. volunteers, firefighters, etc. to clarify titles and function. Attorney comments were that if we make this document legal, the volunteers become contractors.
- Ms. Carlon suggested that since the Chief was not present that this gets tabled to August and to review the manual in the meantime.

5. New Business

5.1. Committee Communication Proposal – no additional comments (see above 3.3).

5.2. Document review

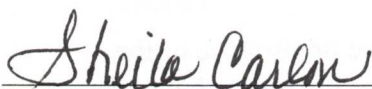
- Discussion focused on minutes. Minutes are less involved now than historically, but it was agreed that minutes will be shortened, votes defined unless they are unanimous, and minutes will be sent to the Secretary for review within one week of the Board.

6. Adjournment

- Sheila Carlon adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is on August 20th, 2020: 6:30 pm for Pension Board, 7:00 pm for GGFPD Board.

END

Minutes approved by:



Sheila Carlon, President