



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

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### Golden Gate Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting Minutes 29 April 2021

1. Preliminary
  - 1.1. Location/Call to order: Sheila Carlon called to order the regular meeting of the GGFPD Board at 7:00 pm via Zoom conference call.
  - 1.2. Welcome audience
  - 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance
  - 1.4. Roll call indicated a quorum was present with Sheila Carlon, Dave Kinnard, Sam Patton, Dannel Agar, and Paul Trost. Chief DiFeo was present.
  - 1.5. Additions and deletions to the Agenda: None
2. Public Agenda: None
3. Reports: None
4. Old Business
  - 4.1. District Growth and Development Statement
    - Due to personal and fire emergencies during the regular board meeting on 15 April, this issue was unresolved. Sheila provided a recap on the land issue and position statement.
    - Sheila noted this should be a Position Statement rather than a Resolution.
    - Noted attorney changes.
    - **Motion #1** by Sam Patton to pass the Position Statement. 2nd by Dannel Agar. Discussion: due to the amount of feedback from the community, Paul felt there should be a legal letter from the board, in addition to the Position Statement, clarifying that the board did not take a position in the past and will not in the future. Sheila suggested Paul instead, draft an email to Mr. Monke referencing our website where the position statement will be posted. Discussed that the addition of a legal letter adds confusion and complicates the situation. Vote: 5 yes. **Motion passes.**
    - Sam will post the Statement on the GGFPD website.
5. New Business
  - 5.1. Conflict of Interest Discussion
    - Sheila addressed concern that the Medical Director, a resident, stated that she was the Medical Director when she provided an opinion to Planning and Zoning which raised the issue of conflict of interest. Sheila noted that the medical director is not authorized to speak on behalf of the district.

- Dave raised two points that warranted discussion: 1) clarity on identifying conflicts of interest and 2) understanding the informational, educational role of early discussion of these types of activities as a critical component of public trust. He felt that the board could do a better job of disclosing conflicts of interest, noting Colorado's extensive body of statutes and SDA law on conflicts of interest. Dave suggested a proforma disclosure statement at board meetings to reassure the public that the board is cognizant of responsibilities in recognizing conflicts of interest, which are not illegal or unethical as long as they are disclosed, noting this is more a reminder for the public rather than the board.
- Sheila asked if this proforma disclosure needs to be at the beginning of every board meeting or just when certain topics were discussed, noting that everyone signed a conflict of interest statement as part of their pledge and oath of office.
- Sam suggested that it's a transparency issue and one statement could be added to the agenda at the beginning.
- Dave asked the board and staff in particular whether or not they had any conflicts of interest that needed to be disclosed [regarding the Wilde Ranch rezoning](#). All members and the Chief denied conflicts of interest.
- Sheila raised the project development review/permit process in general. Chief agreed that all citizens are afforded the same status on any project.
- Chief addressed one issue Sheila brought up regarding FFs as representatives of the district. Chief sent an email to all the FFs pointing out that they must make public comments to the project as community members and not FFs.
- Sam will follow up with the medical director to discuss conflicts of interest issue.
- Paul for action: send email to Mr. Monke regarding the board's Position Statement and directing him to the GGFPD website to view our Land Use Statement.

## 6. Adjournment

6.1. Sheila Carlon adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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Minutes approved by:

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Sheila Carlon, President