



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

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### Golden Gate Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes 20 August 2020

1. Preliminary
  - 1.1. Location/Call to order: Ms. Carlon called to order the regular meeting of the GGFPD Board at 7:02 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 present.
  - 1.5. Additions and deletions to the Agenda: none
2. Public Agenda
  - 2.1. Public Comment
    - Dee Dee Ramstetter noted the break-in at the Grange and discussed upgraded security protocols and change in rental policy.
    - Mary Preister provided Auxiliary updates.
    - Dave Kinnard noted a new record for slash collection: over 800 cubic yards of fuel removed from the district, and thanked the Grange and Auxiliary for their support.
    - Terri Costeldia aired concerns regarding the Strategic Planning Committee, specifically possible conflicts of interest with the committee staffing, ensuring that committee was formed for the right reasons, and reiterated concerns about making sure our assets are protected.
  - 2.2. Approval of July 16, 2020 board meeting minutes: **Motion #1** by Sam Patton to approve July 16 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Trost. Vote: 5 yes. **Motion passes.**
3. Committee Reports
  - 3.1. Treasurer's Report
    - See <https://www.goldengatefire.org/minutes-and-financials/> for report.
    - Open issues/summary of discussion:
    - Noted we're running behind in grants. Running low on donations. But we are close to 65% budget expenditures to date.
    - Ms. Carlon asked about vehicle repairs/maintenance funding and plans to use the rest of the money. Preventative maintenance is required but it has been difficult to get Arvada to look at our vehicles. Looking at alternate options.
  - 3.2. Chief's Report
    - See <https://www.goldengatefire.org/minutes-and-financials/> for report.

- Discussion on FF1 Academy v. mini academy. This is a RoI issue. The concern is regarding money spent on new volunteers for school/training and then the department loses them following the training. The purpose of the mini academy is to provide new members with some experience, get them engaged, then after 1.5 years on the department they receive full training. FF1 was found to be a limiting factor since people don't have the time to commit to the training (we've already lost 1 of 5 new recruits due to this). Mr. Agar noted that in the past we welcomed individuals who had firefighting career aspirations and used GGFD as a springboard because we had a reimbursement program. Chief noted that the reimbursement program was not successful, even in other fire departments.
- Mr. Agar raised concerns about the mix of FFs with fewer certified FF1 and possible unintended consequences with our ISO rating. How will this impact the arrangement we've made with the rating agencies and FEMA grants? Also raised concerns about sending adequately trained FFs to a scene to handle the call. The mini academy is in conjunction with Timberline FD with a shared cost. (No estimate of cost is available at this time).
- Ms. Carlon asked Chief to research the ISO rating issue before this gets implemented (new ISO rating review is not due for another 2 years).

#### 4. Old Business

##### 4.1. GGFPD Board Study Group Update

- Reviewed the two meetings to date.
- Noted that the Chief presented a proposal to restructure the training department.
- Ms. Carlon asked if committee members and their contact info could be placed on the website, pending permission.
- Mr. Trost was concerned that the community members should have a higher representation. It was noted that this committee was publicly advertised and the response was minimal, but this will be discussed at the next meeting.

##### 4.2. Personnel Policy (FD)

- **Motion #2** by Paul Trost to approve Personnel Policy Manual. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Kinnard. Discussion: Mr. Agar recommended tabling this to wait to hear about how training of personnel may affect our ISO rating and FEMA grants. Chief replied we have enough FF1 that it won't affect our ISO rating. If anything changes, we can change that page and readopt the policy. Mr. Agar asked if the new recruit procedure is in the policy as an appendix. No, it's under the volunteer program section. Vote: Paul Trost yes, Sheila Carlon yes, Dannel Agar no because he believes it's premature and would like to see the question regarding the recruit policy in the Appendix addressed. (Sam Patton and Dave Kinnard recuse themselves). **Motion passes.**

#### 5. New Business

##### 5.1. Multi-jurisdictional Ambulance Agreement

- Chief reviewed the agreement.
- Ms. Carlon asked if a district can opt out. There seemed to be no out for any one district. This would have to be a group opt out. Not an issue for GG.

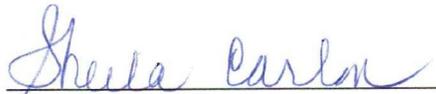
- Mr. Agar was concerned about Stadium's revenue and asked to see the fee schedule as well as who the medical advisor is before approval.
- Goes into effect 10 Nov 2020.
- **Motion # 3** by Paul Trost to approve agreement contingent upon review of medical advisor, fee schedule and effective date of contract. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Kinnard. Vote: 5 yes. **Motion passes.**

6. Adjournment:

- 6.1. Sheila reminded everyone of the budget committee in September and to volunteer for it.
- 6.2. Sheila Carlon adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is on September 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm via teleconference.

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Minutes approved by:

  
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Sheila Carlon, President