



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

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#### Meeting Minutes

17 June 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, Sam Patton, Dave Kinnard, and Paul Trost. Chief DiFeo was present. Dannel Agar had an excused absence.
  - 1.5. Additions and deletions to the Agenda: none
  - 1.6. Conflicts of interest: none
2. Public Agenda
  - 2.1. Public Comment
    - Suzan Dentry was concerned about the lack of information available on a neighboring fire and inquired if we could create a liaison to communicate the situation/status to the community. Chief explained that the fire was away from our district and burning in the opposite direction. If there was any threat to the community, the sheriff would send out a code red which is the only system in Jefferson County that exists. Discussed various creative methods and options of posting community-wide information, including standing up a committee to investigate viable methods, email, social media, etc.
    - Mary Preister will get back in touch with Sheila regarding use of the Auxiliary's mailing list.
    - Terri Costeldia said she dealt with this problem on past fires. Fire personnel are busy in the field, and often don't have cell phone coverage. She noted that the Grange is unable to share their email list. She also suggested that this could be part of the Auxiliary's fundraiser.
    - Chief suggested he could identify one person in the field/command post to get information out and suggested mailing an informational postcard to alert the community when this gets stood up on how to get fire updates, whether that entails visiting GGFPD's website or Facebook, etc., but people should be proactive.
    - Terri Costeldia reviewed some items she raised last meeting regarding TFPD, received clarification on misinformation of putting a TFPD truck at Station 83, and status of the study group, that no formal presentation has been created yet as data is still being gathered.
  - 2.2. Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes: **Motion #1** by Dave Kinnard. 2nd by Sam Patton. Discussion: none. Vote: 4 yes. **Motion passes.**
3. Reports
  - 3.1. Treasurer's Report
    - See <https://www.goldengatefire.org/minutes-and-financials/> for report.

- Open issues/summary of discussion:
  - Some line item categorizations were reviewed and identified for cleanup: 661 grant match/revenue, 519 payroll service fees, 669 add “maintenance” to tools and equipment.

### 3.2. Chief’s Report

- See <https://www.goldengatefire.org/minutes-and-financials/> for report.
- Open issues/summary of discussion:
  - Drainage issue at Station 83 discussion: requesting board decision on whether we do work ourselves or partner with Steve Green. Sheila noted they hadn’t had any communication with Green detailing this, so with nothing in writing, Paul suggested we go ahead with our own work. We have the money in CapEx for station 83 from last year for buildings and improvements. Sheila wants a motion reflected in the minutes, because it’s a significant amount of money and involves 2 bids. Dave asked if we need a more formal engineering analysis, i.e. hydro engineers. Chief confirmed that an engineer reviewed the site and designed the plan.
  - **Motion #2** by Sam Patton to approve the \$5450.00 bid to work on the drainage issue at Station 83. 2nd by Paul Trost. Discussion: none. Vote: 4 yes. **Motion passes.**
  - Dave asked if we are on the county list for canyon road sweeping. Chief will follow up.
  - Dave noted the influx of crowds in the district parks and inquired if there were any discussions at the county level on how to mitigate the progressive parking problem at Mt. Galbraith. Suggested inviting Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) to a board meeting and to keep the pressure on JCOS to manage traffic problems. Chief will send them an email.
  - Terri mentioned that JCOS reached out to the Grange expressing that they are aware of and working on the overcrowding problem at the parks.

### 3.3. Community Organization Reports

- Auxiliary
  - Mary Preister stated they are standing by to support the firefighters. Lt. Enright will be meeting with them at their upcoming meeting. They have removed incentive money out of their budget. They do have money for training, but Chief noted that since we have money in the budget for this, the preference at this time is to have Auxiliary support equipment (radio) purchase, noting that COVID limited in person training opportunities, although this will most likely change now. He also noted that in the future, GGFPD will look to Auxiliary support for the fuel stipend (incentive) program.
  - Auxiliary is going with a letter fundraiser again this year and hopes to host a Pig Roast again in 2022. Research ongoing for potential other fundraising events.
  - Mary received a new request for approximately \$11K for replacement radios, and asked for an explanation to present to the Auxiliary. Chief explained that current radios are 20 years old and during reprogramming, 20 radios were not serviceable and had to be recycled. One 800 radio was damaged beyond repair. The wildland radios are also outdated (at least 15 years old). This \$11K request is to cover one 800 radio and four wildland radios.
- Grange
  - Hydration drive received 34 packages of sports drinks, 50 cases of water. Requesting stations clear out old water. Will coordinate with Lt. Enright to replenish the stations.

- Canyon cleanup was successful. Noted sweepers used to sweep the road once a month in the past and would appreciate Chief reaching out to get the canyon swept.
  - Yard maintenance performed around station 83 gratis.
  - Submitted multiple requests for guard rail installation but was denied again due to lack of data. Even though police were notified, and pictures sent, these were not considered appropriate official data.
  - Slash event scheduled 31 July-1 Aug. All paperwork has been completed and flyers handed out.
  - Regarding the Station 83 drainage issue, Terri said they did some grading work which helped but didn't fix the problem. She will reach out to Paul and Dave.
  - Finishing up the access easement.
  - County assessor report still pending on whether property is on north/south side of GGC road.
4. Old Business
- 4.1. Audit Exemption Approval
- Paul received a verbal approval but will follow up with the audit office to confirm that our application was approved.
  - Sheila asked that we follow up on this to close the loop and get an official letter for documentation.
5. New Business
- 5.1. In Person vs. Online Board Meeting
- Discussed pros and cons: no internet at the Grange, limited bandwidth at the stations so hybrid option (zoom and in person) could be problematic, recording issues of in person meetings, social distancing concerns per CDPHE guidelines, rotation of the stations, Grange is centrally located, etc.
  - **Motion #3** by Sam Patton to move to in person meetings at the Grange. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Trost. Discussion: Sheila is not sold on having meetings only at the Grange. Clarified that we will start with this next meeting at the Grange. Sheila liked rotating between stations 81, 82 and the Grange to give a chance for community members in the respective neighborhoods to attend. Terri stated that the community wants to be involved and doing in person meetings is a way for them to participate. Vote: 4 yes. **Motion passes.**
6. Adjournment
- 6.1. Sheila Carlon adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is on July 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Grange.

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Minutes approved by:

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Sheila Carlon, President