



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Protection District

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#### Meeting Minutes

20 May 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, Dannel Agar. Chief DiFeo was present. Paul Trost was not present.
  - 1.5. Additions and deletions to the Agenda: none
  - 1.6. Conflicts of interest: none
2. Public Agenda
  - 2.1. Public Comment
    - Dave Primmer revisited his conflict of interest concern with having board members as firefighters. Steve Green supported this stance stating it doesn't serve checks and balances well and it's also a transparency issue.
    - Discussion on past board resolutions on FF/board member conflict of interest, procedures to void it. Board members weighed in: Dannel stated he had mixed feelings. But despite some conflicts, they were managed, and he felt that this issue does not warrant board action. Sheila from past board perspective was initially opposed but having served on this board with 2 FFs has not seen any conflict. She noted that FFs recuse themselves from voting on firefighter issues.
    - Dave Kinnard asked Chief to comment on the difficulties board positions might pose for the firefighters. Chief stated there were zero issues in the past four years. The delineation between FF and board member is very clear.
    - Terri Costeldia wanted to note that the district is lucky to have the 2 firefighters/board members for their knowledge and perspective, but a recusal policy should be in place. Terri revisited her concern regarding Chief's conflict of interest with TFPD, accountant connection, as well as the necessity for hiring a third party consultant for the Study Group's findings. Dave Kinnard noted the Study Group was nowhere near having a professional assessment done.
  - 2.2. Approval of April 2021 Meeting Minutes: **Motion #1** by Sam Patton. 2nd by Dave Kinnard. Discussion: none. Vote: 4 yes. **Motion passes.**
  - 2.3. Approval of April 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. **Motion #2** by Sam Patton. 2nd by Sheila Carlon. Discussion: Dave Kinnard wanted it specified that any conflicts of interest were specifically regarding the Wilde Ranch rezoning. Second, that a formal motion for a proforma disclosure was called which doesn't appear in the minutes. Minutes to be approved with the above two corrections. (Note, upon review of meeting recording, no formal motion

was made but rather unanimously agreed upon by members. Special Meeting minutes reflect this.) 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:
  - Noted the large deposit from Cameron Peak fire deployment reimbursements as well as the grant match.

#### 3.2. Chief's Report

- See <https://www.goldengatefire.org/minutes-and-financials/> for report.
- Open issues/summary of discussion:
  - Discussion on Strategic Plan noting no decisions have been made. Study Group is still in data collection mode.

#### 3.3. Community Organization Reports

- Auxiliary
  - Mary Preister noted that DeeDee Ramstetter is the new liaison for FFs and is hopeful for new and improved communication channels to support FF training, development and morale.
  - Noted Pig Roast is cancelled primarily for health concerns. The Auxiliary is planning a different kind of fundraiser instead.
  - Invited everyone to attend their meetings the first Thursday of the month.
- Grange
  - Hydration drive will be 6-13 June.
  - Canyon cleanup scheduled 13 June.
  - Open House Sunday May 23, 2-5pm at the Grange on Golden Gate's zoning history
  - Slash event scheduled 31 July - 1 Aug. Noted this will probably be the last in-district slash event.
  - Regarding the Station 83 drainage issue, Terri wanted to ensure the bid on the retaining wall/French drain includes work that will tie in with the existing sewer and not run over the parking lot.
  - Finishing up access easement.
  - Dave Kinnard thanked Terri for use of the Grange for fire department trainings, which supported distancing guidelines.

### 4. Old Business: none

### 5. New Business

#### 5.1. District Growth & Development Statement

- Sheila reviewed the district statement for the benefit of the audience.

### 6. Adjournment

- #### 6.1. Sheila Carlon adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is on June 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom conference call.

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Minutes approved by:

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Sheila Carlon, President